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Cicadas, camps & construction

Construction hits entire campus

BY NEELY ROSS AND STACEY KIZER STAFF WRITERS

"Pardon our mess, campus under construction" seemed to be the main theme here at Lipscomb during the summer of '98.

Parking was nowhere to be found in front of Sewell Hall, and the smokestack that led the way for all those late-night pizza deliveries is no longer standing sentry.

Yet despite all this mess, faculty and passerby's agree the campus looks great.

"I think all the construction on campus is an improvement," said Lisa Hoover as she gave her daughters a tour of the campus.

As an alumna from the class of '76 and an Elam Hall resident herself, she added that you couldn't have progress without improve-

The summer was filled with twists and turns on campus. "Don't walk here," and "caution wet concrete" signs seemed to out-number



"Don't get too close, you might fall in," one basketball camper said while looking into the depths of the long, windy trenches that wound around the campus.

The rain that kept everyone indoors this summer also crossed the minds of the construction workers more than once as they pushed to meet the deadline and make Elam Hall livable for incoming

Not only did it cause them to start late, but also the rain delayed their plans to be finished in July back nearly another month.

problems the campus faced during all the chaos was the relocation of the counseling offices, the career center, and the heath center. These offices, normally located in the basement of Elam, had to spend the summer in the basement of Burton or the Student Center.

"Sorry for the inconveniencewe'll be back home in August," the sign on the counseling office door said, and August was exactly what everyone was hoping for.

"It's been hard to have testing but we've worked around it," said Beverly Langford, the career center

Peeking into the former counseling center one might of found a desk with a secretary, and hallways that led to the advisers' very confidential, private rooms.

However, looking into the temporary counseling office, one could see no long hallways, no closed doors, and no walls. The only "wall" was the cardboard box separating Dr. Cates' and Dr. Samples' offices.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

The parking lot in front of Elam was filled with construction equipment for most of this summer.

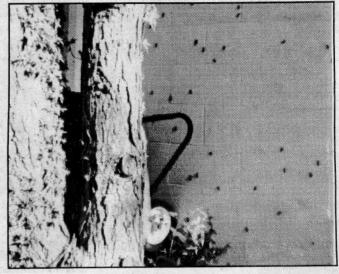


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Cicadas cover this wall this past summer.

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

1998 will forever be remembered as the Lipscomb summer of cicadas, camps and construction.

The Lipscomb campus was filled all summer with various camps. The cicadas made their once-every-13 year appearance in mid-May. And the construction is still under way.

Cicadas became the topic of nearly every Nashville resident's conversation. Whether it concerned the bugs bulging red buzzing, the insects were on the minds of most people for the six weeks they showed up.

The cicadas made their presence known on the Lipscomb campus in a major

dency to congregate around Lipscomb regulars. any piece of machinery that made a sound similar to the insects' mating buzz. This attraction was especially pronounced for lawnmowers and air-conditioning lion renovation.

learned an usual ballet of focusing on a busy fall.

mowing, swatting and headbobbing as they attempted to avoid the dive-bombing

The Student Center airconditioning unit was not offered the protection of avoidance.

The cicadas managed to clog the unit in late-May causing much of the Student Center to go without cool air for a few days as facilities was forced to clean out the unit of dead insects.

Cicadas were not the only thing swarming around campus this summer.

Youth from various eyes or their incessant camps were present nearly every week of the summer.

With the nearly 4,000 basketball camp attendees, to the approximately 1,000 Impact campers and the numerous other campers from softball, tennis and baseball camps, rarely did The insects had a ten- the campers not outnumber

The construction is wrapping up this month.

Most of the steam pipes were replaced and Elam Hall underwent a \$3.6 mil-

Summer was busy, but Lipscomb's mowers most students are now

International

Israel is apparently softening its stance on withdrawl from the West Bank. Israel radio reported that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasar Arafat are meeting to discuss the withdrawl.

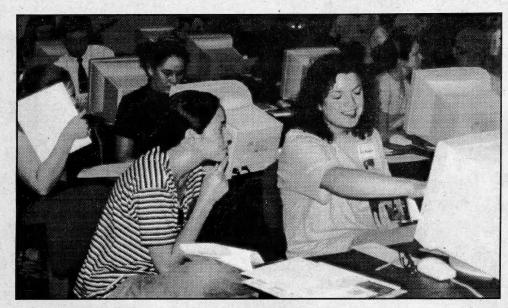
Protests continue in Sudan and Afghanistan following last week's U.S. military strikes against terrorist bases.

National

Residents along the East Coast are nervously watching Hurricane Bonnie as she churns toward the coast. Bonnie is packing 115 mph winds and is causing heavy surf along American beaches.

A federal court has thrown out the U.S. Census Bureau's plan to use statistical sampling in the coming year 2000 census. The statistical sampling plan was an attempt to improve the accuracy of the census

Your World at a Glance



You know what this is a picture of. That's right. Registration. That means school really has begun.

Sports

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa remained at 53 and 51homers respectively Monday night. Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 44th homer and Greg Vaughn hit his 43rd Monday night. Roger Maris's record of 61 home runs in a season is expected to be broken this season.

The Tennessee Oilers face the Denver Broncos in their final preseason game this Saturday. Tickets are still available.

College football kicks off in force next Saturday. Check out next week's *Babbler* for the Sports Prognosticators.

Entertainment

Jerry Clower, Grand Ole Opry member and best selling humorist, died Monday of cardio-pulmonary complications. Clower was 71.

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Sunglasses needed for more than just fashion statement

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, Calif. --To Manuel Acosta, buying sunglasses is an art one has to master.

You really should take a friend with you when you buy sunglasses so they can tell you how you look," said the secondyear biology student.

"I mean, what if you think they look good, but in reality, they look bad on you? You definitely need a second opinion," he

Acosta owns two pairs of sunglasses: a pair of oakleys that a friend gave him and a pair of Ray-Bans that cost him \$70.

(The Ray-Bans) look pretty cool. They're original and stylish, and I just like the way they look on my face," he said.

Acosta is not alone in his appreciation, as sunglasses have been popular for years now. But this status as fashion accessory dates back much further than many people realize.

Two thousand years ago, the Chinese wore smoke-colored quartz lenses to shield their eyes from bright light, and by the late 16OOs, European peddlers were selling smoke-colored lenses.

The price of premium sunglasses today is a sore point with some people, however. The price of a pair which can often reach well over \$100 - grows with their popularity.

Are most people willing to pay that much?

"I'm sure I would if I really liked them," Acosta said. "Sometimes, you see sunglasses that look really nice, and then it's worth it."

Carolyn Van Wingerden, however, is on the other end of the spectrum. To her, paying anything remotely close to \$100 is simply absurd.

'A hundred dollars is way too much to spend on sunglasses," said the second-year English student.

'I think I spent that much on my real glasses. I barely spend that much on clothes,~ she added.

No matter how trendy and fashionable wearing sunglasses are, they still serve their original purpose: to protect the eyes from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV)

Some people wonder why anyone would pay \$1 50 or more for a pair of fancy sunglasses when even a \$3.99 child's pair promises "100 percent UV Protec-

Although most sunglasses claim to have this protection, both optometrists and sunglass store owners agree that inexpensive sunglass brands cannot always be

"There is no way you can really test the UV protection of inexpensive sunglasses," said Dr. Benjamin Fouladian, an optometrist who has offices in Westwood and Redondo Beach.

"It's very safe to go with a name brand. You know for sure you're getting a good quality lens, not like the copies sold at Venice Beach," he said.

Dr. Patrick Doyle of the Eyes of Westwood optometry noted that another key difference between expensive sunglasses and inexpensive ones is the quality of the

"UV protection may be the same, but usually the optics on expensive glasses are better.

"The quality is in the lens," he said.

Quality of optics relates to quality of vision. Inexpensive glasses often have distorted areas, and wearers cannot see as

This, both doctors noted, could lead to eye strain.

"The Revo brand costs from \$190 to \$300 compared to those \$10 to \$20 sun-glasses sold on sidewalks," Fouladian said.

~But usually these glasses have a lot of distortion on their lenses, which brings down the quality of the objects," he added.

Chang agreed wholeheartedly with this

"There are functions in expensive sunglasses that a \$30 pair cannot compete with. I'm not talking about fashion. Premium sunglasses have better frames and better lenses, and there is a higher quality overall," he said.

You can drive either a Geo or a Mercedes Benz to San Francisco. They'll both get you there, but you feel different when you drive," he said.

Premium sunglasses today can also provide protection from polarized, infrared and photochromatic light, all potentially damaging to the eyes.

The frames have also been revolutionized. Sports performance sunglasses, such as those created by oakley, are made to suit athletes.

Some of them wrap around your face, almost. They shield the eye better and are rimless, with no borders. one pair holds the lens from the top, so the athlete has 180degree vision," Fouladian said, adding that these sunglasses are ideal for skiers and beach volleyball players.

When it comes down to buying, though, Chang noted that neither function nor features on a pair of sunglasses matter

"When someone makes a decision, two things affect a person's choice," Chang said, "First, style; and second, price."

According to the medical community, however, there is a far greater reason for wearing sunglasses.

Sixty percent of my patients have dry eyes, which happens when the sun evaporates the tears in the eyes. Sunglasses could prevent that from happening," he said. Fouladian added that there is another

eye disease called pinguecula.

When the eye wants to protect itself from UV rays, he said, it develops a yellowish fatty buildup on the white part of the eye. Eventually, a patient must have laser surgery to remove the buildup.

Another reason to wear sunglasses, cautioned Fouladian, is to slow the buildup

Doyle said it is important that sunglasses are worn all the time, even in the winter.

"You can still get a sunburn on a cloudy day," he said, "and if your skin can get sunburned, your eyes can be affected. Sunglasses are like a sunscreen for the

New Feature

The Babbler is now a member of U-Wire, a collaboration of more than 300 college and university papers across the country.

The Babbler plans to devote page 3 to U-Wire news stories and one or two editorials/columns a week on the op/ed pages.

We hope you enjoy the expanded coverage and hope that you will let us know what you think about it by dropping us a line at Box 4126 or by calling 269-1829. You can also reach us by sending an e-mail to BABBLER@dlu.edu.

Reaction to U.S. attacks remains mixed

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. -- On Thursday, the United States military attacked what were described as terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan, a move drawing praise, disapproval and confusion around the state, and probably the world.

"I wasn't surprised," said Sen. Wayne Allard of the attacks, "and I do support the Joint Chiefs of Staff in their decision."

Allard, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the committee was briefed on the terrorists in question several months ago, and that they are a dangerous group that isn't open to discussion. Thursday's attacks were a response to the recent bombings of the two U.S. embassies in Africa, apparently strikes at the group believed to be responsible.

'You have to treat each group differently; some you can negotiate with, and some you can't," Allard said. "Without doing anything, (the terrorist groups) would have become more and more difficult to deal with."

Jim Scaritt, a Colorado University political science professor and expert in African politics, said that it's anybody's guess how African nations will respond to the American military strikes.

"African countries certainly resent being used and having their citizens murdered in large numbers to hurt the United States," he said of the embassy bombings. This might push them to support the U.S. actions, he said.

On the other hand, Scaritt said African countries aren't fond of seeing superpowers bombing them, either. In the end, he said, the U.S. action won't end the situa-

"I don't think that this retaliation is going to stop terrorism, and the U.S.

knows it won't, but they feel they have to do something," he said.

Not everyone sees terrorism as the target of Thursday's bombing. Ira Chernus, CU professor of religious studies and peace activist, said the military was probably sent to foreign soil to distract people from the domestic politics.

"I imagine that plenty of people have noticed that Monica Lewinsky is testifying today, and it would be in the interest of the president to divert attention," Chernus said. "Clinton and his people must be worried that this scandal would make him look like a weak leader."

Chernus also said that the United States might have attacked the sites in Sudan and Afghanistan to flex its muscles in two troubled areas of the world -- Sudan has troubles with its southern neighbors, while Afghanistan is near nuclear saberrattlers India and Pakistan -- as a way of encouraging nations in both regions to stay on America's good side.

On the street, reaction to the news of the U.S. attacks ranged from support to

"I know the embassy bombings have been a big concern to the government. We need to protect ourselves from groups like these," said Miranda Mead, a tourist from Chicago.

On a nearby bench, Isabell Eakin said the embassy bombings and the U.S. response both probably hurt innocent peo-

"I was very saddened by the bombings last week. Many innocent people were killed. I wonder how many innocent people were killed this time. It seems like poor people are always losing," she said.

Elam renovation heads construction

Many of you are probably wondering why all of this happened the two months you were gone home-Steve Zanolini can tell you.

As the head of the facilities department, Zanolini oversaw the entire renovation of Elam.

"Our goal was to take a beautiful historic old building and update it," he said. And that's what they did.

Armed with suggestions from former Elam residents, Zanolini set out to spend \$3.6 million to make Elam more comfortable and attractive.

The renovation added more than just the basic plumbing, heating, and electrical upgrades.

Residents will now enjoy remodeled closet space, new lit vanities, and a TV shelf in every room. Elam will also host its very own computer "study center" and workout room, as well as a whirlpool.

What was not included? New carpet throughout, full-length mirrors in each room, and a fenced-in area on the roof for sunbathing.

So why all the patched-up trenches and exposed manholes in the courtyard? They were the home to the 40-year-old steam pipes that threatened with every cold night never to work again.

In an attempt to be preventive, Zanolini said that they went ahead and replaced the pipes.

"Studies by mechanical engineers suggested that the pipes would rupture and several buildings could not be heated," he said.

The worst of the construction was completed by the third week of August and the students began to out-number the signs again.

It looks like campus made it through the summer with only a few scars that can still be seen today.

"In three months no one will be able to tell it ever happened," Zanolini adds. "It's just the getting through it.

"No one wants to see a beautiful campus torn up. Me least of all." ■

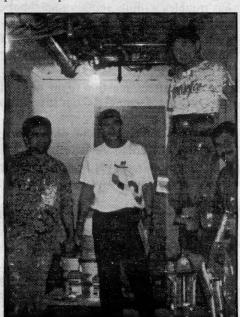
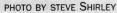


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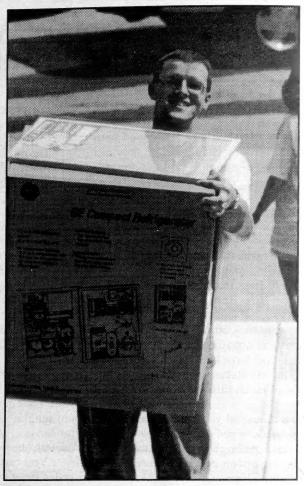


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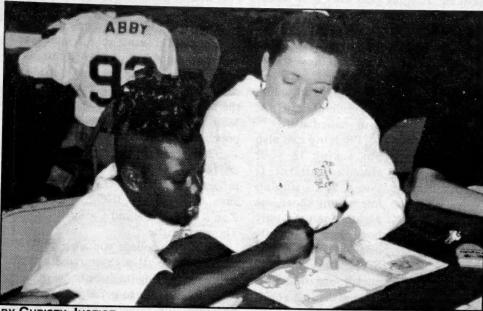
Top left: This backhoe stands sentinel over a trench during the replacement of campus steam pipes.

Top right: Kevin Youngblood helps move a student into Elam Hall.

Above: These workers sift through the mud following a summer thunderstorm.

Left: These workers take a break from replacing ceiling tiles in Elam.

Lipscomb community active and vital as volunteer in Nashville



BY CHRISTY JUSTICE STAFF WRITER

FILE PHOTO

Have you thought about what you will do with your spare time this year in the Volunteer State?

This fall there are many options available to students who want to be active in their community through volunteer work.

"I think the benefits of volunteering are tremendous because I get the chance to give back to those who haven't received the blessings that I have," said Amanda Pyron, project coordinator for Hands on Nashville.

Hands on Nashville is an organization that coordinates volunteer efforts at agencies throughout the community.

The work done by Hands on Nashville requires physical and emotional interaction between the volunteer and the agency. Some of the volunteer efforts that they participate in are painting and repairing buildings, visiting children and elderly people, and cleaning parks.

"It's a shame that more college students do not spend some of their time volunteering," Pyron said. "There is much that needs to be done in the community. So good volunteers are very important."

All prospective members of Hands on Nashville must attend a 30-minute orientation meeting to hear more about the organization and the works that they help sponsor.

Another way to volunteer in the community is through Lipscomb's chapter of Circle K, a national service organization.

According to Lisa Partin, past president and current member, the group is a great way to develop leadership skills.

"Our main goal is to raise awareness

among Lipscomb students so that they can become more involved in their community," Partin said.

Circle K organizes and participates in a different activity each night of the week. These activities include Inner City Ministries, Disaster Relief, visits to Lakeshore Retirement Home, tutoring at the Youth Hobby Shop, and serving at the Rescue Mission.

Membership in Circle K is not required to participate in the volunteer work but is encouraged.

Those interested in becoming a member of Circle K should attend a meeting to hear more about the organization. Membership dues of \$45 are required of all members and cover all costs, including a retreat.

For other volunteer options, visit the American Red Cross web page at www.redcross.org, which offers a wealth of volunteering opportunities in the Nashville area, or contact any of the agencies listed below. n

- Buddies of Nashville
- Nashville Inner City Ministries 255-1726
- Room in the Inn

251-7019

Ronald McDonald House

343-4000

Youth Hobby Shop

242-0662
• Nashville Child Center

Rochelle Center

254-0763

262-3358

• Talking Library Radio Reading Service for the Blind 862-5874 ■



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Allyson Love (left) and Gayla Pugh help carry in a students furniture on

Fair to showcase on-campus groups

Sunday as part of the effort organized by the office of Student Success.

BY ANNIE JOHNSTON STAFF WRITER

Part of college life is being involved in the many activities around you.

However if you do not know what is available, how can you get involved?

In order to help students find how they can be involved, the office of Student Success and Lipscomb Connections have planned an organization fair for Sept. 1, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Different clubs and organizations will set up booths to promote themselves and to sign up new members.

"This will definitely be a good event to attend," said Gayla Pugh, director of Student Success. "It will showcase for the students what options they have."

Pugh Said a variety of groups will have booths Tuesday.

"There will be everything from *The Backlog* to McQuiddy Maniacs," Pugh said. "Even some of the offices on campus are going to have booths.

"This event is indeed for everyone. If you are worried about not fitting in, don't worry. You are bound to find something you will enjoy. The main purpose of this event is to get as many students involved."

Even if you are already involved, Pugh said she could use help in setting up booths and help other groups man theirs. If you are interested in helping, you can call Pugh at .

Also if you are a freshman and you have ordered "The Freshman Record". There will be a booth set up where you may pick them up.

Remember, get involved and you'll meet tons of people. ■

Partial list of participants

Circle K
The Babbler
The Backlog
McQuiddy Maniacs

College Republicans Student Ambassadors

University Singers

American Marketing Association Habitat for Humanity

SGA

Restful sleep: rare but necessary for Lipscomb University students

same time each

BY NEELY ROSS STAFF WRITER

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP!

You open your eyes and look at your alarm clock, only to have it staring back at you. The arm that you have slept on all night reaches frantically to hit the snooze

You think to yourself, "Only a few more minutes." What you thought would only be a few more minutes, turns into an hour and a half. You jump up, throw on some clothes and race across campus to your first class. Sitting in class all day, you think about the paper you have to finish, and the mid-term you are having tomorrow. Stress!

After your last class you go straight to work and don't leave until 10 p.m. or later. By the time you get back to the dorm, heat up the left-over pizza you had last night, socialize, and get your school work done, it's already 2:30 a.m.!

Many of us have done this all too

Joel Younger, M.D., of the Institute For Sleep Medicine in central Pennsylvania, provides these helpful tips on sleep and feeling more rested.

"Maintain a regular sleep/wake sched-

ule," he says. "This Friday Maintain a regular includes nights and weekends. One late night sleep/wake schedule. can affect your sleep Get out of bed at the rhythms for days

Younger also suggests establishing morning. a morning routine.

"Get out of bed at the same time

each morning," he says. "This does not mean reach over and turn the alarm off; it means get out of bed."

Younger has strong warnings for those who use sleeping pills to help them

"Avoid sleeping pills. Generally

the first few weeks. Some sleeping pills actually cause insomnia when used too

Lack of sleep may also hinder your grades. If you stay up too late, and then

try to study, you might fall asleep and not have studied at all.

Pledging can also put a kink in your sleeping patterns. If you have to stay up late getting those late night signatures, only Dr. Joel Younger hours later be abruptly awakened for a kidnap breakfast, you may

only be getting fours hours of sleep a night during pledging, and that's if you're

"Living in the dorm makes it hard if you try to get in the bed at a decent hour," sophomore Kelly McKee said. "If you're in class all day, and you work at night, the

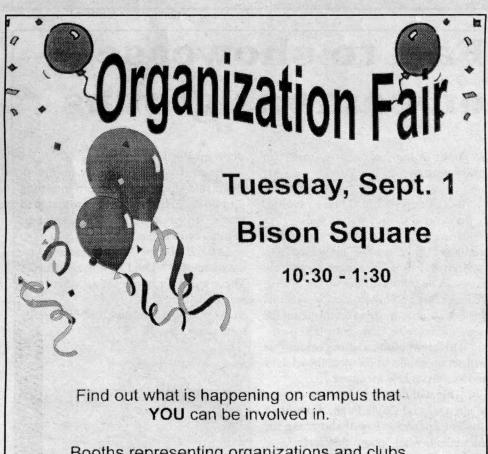
speaking, sleeping pills work best within only time to get your school work done is when you get back to the dorm, which for some of us is after 10:30 p.m."

If you must stay up and study, and you need a quick cup of coffee, or just a break before you hit the books, try some of these places open 24 hours; Denny's. the new Steak'n Shake located by Wal-Mart on Old Hickory Blvd., and the ever popular Waffle House.

Of course there are other places to get coffee and see a few friends in the process. There is The Owl's Nest, Bongo Java, Cafe Elliston, IHOP, and Sam and Zoe's located behind Calypso Cafe on Thompson Lane.

Face it, in college you are going to be pulling some all-nighters, and you are going to be going on three hours of sleep in two days. Try to get as much rest as possible, don't overdo yourself, if you need to take a break and relax, RELAX!

And as every upperclassman has already learned, above all else, DON"T take a 7:40!



Booths representing organizations and clubs on campus will be on Bison Square staffed with people waiting to talk to YOU.

For more information, call the Office of Student Success at ext. 7613.

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McDowell named Assistant Vice-President and Dean of Campus Life, set to serve the students

BY AMANDA PYRON **FEATURES EDITOR**

As many returning students will notice, the Lipscomb campus underwent significant changes during the summer.

However, the most definitive reconstruction came not in Elam Hall but in the office of Student Services.

When students left for the summer, the position of Dean of Students was vacant following the resignation of Dean Bill Davis. During the summer this position was redesigned and retitled as Assistant Vice President and Dean of Campus Life.

A committee tasked with the search for the new dean made their recommendation for the new Dean in mid-July. The committee tabbed Scott McDowell, a minister from Memphis and former Lipscomb graduate student, as the new Assistant Vice President and Dean of Campus Life.

McDowell earned his undergraduate degree from Freed-Hardeman University and his Master's degree in Bible from Lip-

McDowell was quick to point out that his loyalties lie with Bison and Lady Bison basketball and that he hopes for an upset of his alma mater this fall. In his years at Lipscomb, McDowell not only developed a love for Bison basketball but

also established the relationships that would strengthen his spirituality and eventually lead him back to Nashville.

One of the motivating factors behind his return was his relationship to Executive Vice-President Carl McKelvey. The two formed a bond during McDowell's years here and at Vultee Church of Christ, where McKelvey serves as elder, and have remained close ever since.

McKelvey said McDowell will bring a spirit of service and commitment to his position.

"Scott is a man of strength, courage and spirituality," McKelvey said. "He has a concern and a love for people and a willingness to give himself to service.

"God has blessed us by bringing him to Lipscomb.'

McDowell was also drawn to his new office by the vision of President Steve

McDowell described Flatt as "the real deal" and looks forward to helping achieve the goals set forth by the presi-

McDowell, however, also has initiatives that he is eager to implement in his own office.

He stated that two of his objectives were to help create more community at Lipscomb and to facilitate greater teamwork in his areas of influence.

One partnership McDowell will work to develop is that between his office and the Provost's office. He hopes the partnership will enable both offices to be better informed about campus activities.

McDowell will join the weekly meetings of the Council of Deans, a group consisting of the five college deans, Stephen Prewitt, Director of Academic Program Development, and the Provost, Craig

Bledsoe said that he viewed those who work in the Office of Student Services as teachers because of the primary role they play in the lives of students.

"I see [McDowell] as someone who teaches in a different way than those of us on the faculty," Bledsoe said. "He is not as concerned with the academic side as he is with the personal side. I think he is very concerned about students and has the eight kind of heart for the work."

As a graduate student, McDowell worked as a head resident in High Rise dormitory, a position he regards as a "crucial element" to the Lipscomb community.

McDowell said he will work to ensure that Head Residents have the support they need to enable them to have beneficial relationships with students.

The emphasis on relationships per-

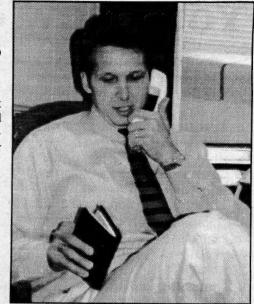


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Scott McDowell is preparing to serve the

students as the new dean. vades McDowell's list of goals for the

coming year. He wants chapel to be an integral and influential part of each student's day. He is also looking to establish small group Bible studies on campus.

McDowell said that he is approachable and will listen to any comments or opinions. He aims to influence the campus

one person at at time.
"I look forward most to the opportunity to have substantive contact with young people at a crucial point in their life."

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Wed. Eve.

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This isn't the past and things may be quite different from last year's Babbler.

We plan to really overhaul *The Babbler* this year. You can see several of the changes already.

First of all, we are growing. The goal is a full 16 pages a week.

We no longer have an entertainment section. We feel that students can be better served by focusing our time and efforts to the Lipscomb viewpoint instead of reviewing movies or CDs which have already been reviewed by every two-bit critic with a talk show.

We instead intend to focus the paper's attention on students and student groups. There is no excuse why this paper can not cover a student recital, the Landiss Lecture series or a student concert. We have allocated the staff resources so that we can professionally cover these events.

Obviously, the op/ed section is seeing some tremendous growth. You can count on each week having two full pages (ad free) of student opinions. These pages will appear on the two center pages without fail. We hope to see the letters-to-the-editor section expanded (We need your help on this one.) Student Voices will be in the same place each week as well.

You will also see increased attention to students and alumni in our features section. Some incredible people are affiliated with Lipscomb and these people need to be featured in our paper.

Sports will see a huge increase as well.

With the start of the Oilers and Predators this year, this is a natural decision. Many of our readers will be interested in the results of our hometown teams games. To cover these pro teams, *The Babbler* is obviously stepping up into the big leagues. Our paper will be competing with the likes of CNN, Sports Illustrated and ESPN for interviews and stories. Our goal is to find the Lipscomb interest to these stories.

The back page will be devoted exclu-

sively to sports (this week in exception.) The two inside back pages will also be devoted to sports. We plan to continue to provide the excellent coverage of all of our team sports that you have come to expect and depend on. We will also feature an expanded intramural section. Plus, we would like to see a "Sports Guru" type column from someone other than the sports editor.

We have joined U-Wire in order to add some national college flavor to the paper. U-Wire allows us to select some of the best articles and editorials from some of the most respected college papers in America.

We hope you have noticed an increased dedication to advertising. This is a top goal of *The Babler* this year. While it isn't the most glamourous part of the paper, the advertising does allow us to do many more things with the paper. To put out a 16 page paper a week, we need about \$600 in ad revenue each week. Tough but attainable.

One other new facet to The Babbler that most of you will have no clue about is our new adviser.

Jimmy McCollum has returned from Alabama with his doctorate in hand and new energy for the position. As a teacher first and an adviser second, we feel that Dr. McCollum will help ease the growing pains of our paper. You may be unaware of the contributions that Dr. McCollum makes to this paper, but you should be thankful for his commitment.

So where does all of this leave us? It leaves us asking for you help.

To make *The Babbler* the paper of our goals, we need your help. We already have a great staff, but we need more of everything. The more staff we get, the more stories we can cover and the more depth we can give each one.

We have explained how this paper plans to grow. You can see how much more space we plan to give to stories.

Someone has to write those stories.

Someone has to edit the stories. Someone has to take the photos. Someone has to sell the ads that fund the paper. Someone has to write the letters-to-the-editor. Someone has to distribute the papers.

We hope that someone might be you.

If you have **any** questions about anything to do with *The Babbler*, please don't hesitate to give us a call. We would be thrilled to discuss how you can help.

Letters to the editor

This is the section of the paper which will include letters to the editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or email it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number

Letters may be edited for length, grammar and clarity. *The Babbler* reserves the right to refuse any letter. Preference will be given to those of less than 250 words.

Special contributors to *The Babbler* will be used throughout the year. If you wish to write a special column, call 1829 and ask to speak with the editor.

All columns are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The Babbler* or Lipscomb University.

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Student Voices

What do you think of the Clinton situation?



Ronnie Henderson

Many top ranking military officials have been kicked out of the military for the simple act of adultery and Bill Clinton is Commander in Chief.



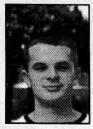
Tina Penuel

I think it's sad that the representative of our country is involved in such a terrible scandal. He should have been honest about it from the beginning.



Chris Kirby

I think Clinton should have been honest seven months ago instead of dragging the whole country through this ordeal. It really harmed the whole country.



Nathan Tillotson

I think that Clinton should be tried for perjury in the courts.

The Babbler

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Associated Collegiate Press

Clinton's address leaves Americans scratching their heads

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. --

I didn't want to write about Clinton. I don't like writing articles about the news of the week, especially when it's gossipy scandalous stuff. But Monday changed all that.

That afternoon I got a blitz from my dorm cluster saying "come watch Clinton at ten. Snacks will be provided." I walked into the TV room at ten and saw about 30 people eating ice cream cones, watching the pre-season football game, and waiting eagerly for the real entertainment to begin. It was at that moment that I realized how utterly ridiculous and pathetic this whole thing is.

As I watched Clinton on TV, I was

ashamed. But the worst part was, he wasn't. For seven months I hadn't cared about the whole Clinton/Monica saga. I thought the affair was tasteless but I also thought it was a mistake that he deeply regretted. Furthermore, I assumed that he was deeply thankful and appreciative that most of the country felt like me and didn't care.

After Monday, I realized I was wrong. I had turned on the TV to see an apology, an admission of wrongdoings and a plea for forgiveness. What I saw was an angry, remorseless, defensive, and thankless President. I was ticked off. Who does he think he is?

Before that speech I was willing to

forgive him, all he had to do was ask. But he didn't ask. I could see that same shock and indignation I was feeling on the faces of the reporters after the speech. They just kept saying, "We thought he was going to apologize. He didn't apologize." I was glad the next day when I saw that my fellow Americans were as angered as I was. After that speech, Clinton's approval rating dropped 20 points.

Having an affair with a 21-year old intern is not a criminal offense, but it is offensive and the people you offend want an apology.

For instance, when you cut in line you say "pardon me." When you burp in public you say "excuse me." When you are

President of the United States and cheat on your wife with a 21-year old intern and "mislead" your family, friends, and the American public as to the nature of your relationship, a small "sorry" just isn't going to cut it. And you know what else isn't going to cut it--a trip to the Vineyard.

How many jobs reward adultery and prevarication with week-long vacations? Clinton made a big mistake with that speech, one that in the end may cost him more than an apology.

Marcia Yablon writes for *The Dartmouth*. (Dartmouth College)

From the desk of:

STEVE SHIRLEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I think this column is the last thing to be done to the paper.

Finally.

Just call it blind ambition, shooting for the moon with a slingshot or getting too big for my britches, but this has been a tough paper to put together.

I apologize for already letting you down. (Most of you probably can't even tell anything is wrong.)

I guess I know now why most editors wait until the *second* week of school before coming out with the first issue. I can see now why that is the way things were done in the past.

But this isn't the past and things may be quite different from last year's *Babbler*.

You can turn to page 8 and read the editorial from the staff about our goals for the year. I hope you pay particular attention to the last six paragraphs. I know this paper is filled with *Babbler* ads and this is one more request for your help, but I hope you will hear me out.

I don't need you help as much as I want your help.

I have enough staff to put together an excellent paper. I put together two papers last year with one tenth of staff I have now. I will do just fine without your help.

But I could do a lot better with your help though.

I would like to see a more diverse staff working on *The Babbler*. I worked hard this summer recruiting a staff that is committed, dependable and thorough. But I still lack the diversity I would like.

I want on and off-campus students to write. I want social club members and independents. I want conservative and you three liberals out there. (Editorial pages are pretty boring if they are all of the same mindset.) I want athletes and bookworms.

Above all things, I want *The Babbler* to be reflective and representative of the campus community.

And let me take this opportunity to just say a few words to those of you who like to consider yourselves critics out there.

I can't remember how many times I heard someone complain about something that was or wasn't in *The Babbler* last year. People would harp on every imagined slight to their way of thinking. The Babbler was criticized for being unprofessional and sloppy. There were claims of bias and ulterior motives in the writing.

Well, let me say a few things.

First, no one here on *The Babbler* is pretending to be a professional. We are all students and we all have other lives besides this paper. (Some of us have less of a life than others.)

But I promise to you that I will do everything in my power to present to a paper that is professional in quality and in presentation. I plan to work my tail off to accomplish this goal and so will my staff.

Second, I invite all of you to come and see how *The Babbler* is put together. I would love to show each and every one of you the time and commitment that this paper requires of its staff.

I am proud of my staff. I have already seen the fire in some of their eyes for the task ahead. We are going to have a great year and I hope to make their time with *The Babbler* as rewarding as I find my time with the paper to be.

You can look back at some of last year's writers and read their stories and see how their writing improves through the year. Well, that is going to happen again this year. *The Babbler* is a teaching aid and I plan for each staff member to learn from his or her experience.

In conclusion, I want to say that I love this job and this paper and look forward to a great year.

Perceptions differ from reality

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. --

The news business has taken its share of hits the last few months.

A series of scandals at well-known and supposedly reputable news outlets like CNN, the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Boston Globe have been like kung-fu kicks to the kidneys of journalism professionals everywhere.

It would be hard to overstate how much these few but very high profile cases of journalistic irresponsibility have damaged the public's image of the news industry as a whole.

Based on the amount of scrutiny these incidents have received, I imagine some of you are under the impression that America's newsrooms are just full of irresponsible, bumbling rumor-mongers.

And I know through experience that many people still view journalism students as a bunch of kids who were either too stupid or too lazy to get a chemistry degree and then go to medical school.

My mom does, anyway.

Moms don't care too much for reporters. Neither, apparently, do a lot of other people.

Someone told me this summer that a poll asking Americans to rate various professions according to trustworthiness ranked reporters just slightly above lawyers and career criminals.

I have not actually seen this poll and doubt its existence, but such a result would not surprise me.

That's unfortunate, because, as is almost always the case, the truth about the news business, and newspapers in particular, is very different from the popular perception.

I had the good fortune to intern at an excellent newspaper, the *Ledger* in Lakeland, this summer.

But more importantly for the sake of my credibility to you, the *Ledger* is about 17 times more informative, comprehensive, responsible and insightful as the Sun.

Seriously.

I learned a lot of things at the *Ledger*. Most importantly, I learned that reporters are just like the people we write about: fragile and flawed.

That may come as a quite a shock to some of you, that reporters are human beings too. But it's true.

I wrote about a lot of ruined lives and saw more than a few dead and often badly mangled human bodies this summer. The point is, it still gives me pause.

Every personal tragedy still causes me to reflect on my own life.

I just have to put it off until after the story is done and I m off the clock.

The relevance of this to you and the page you are now reading is that most newspapers are not ivory towers.

This is not some kind of exclusive club where you have to know the right people or say the right things to get inside.

The beauty of the [student newspaper] is its accessibility.

We've said it before, and we 11 say it again: this is your page. We're always looking for intelligent and timely letters, columns and editorial cartoons.

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Letters and columns can be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or just drop them off in person. Just follow the rules in that little box below the editorial.

If you are the passionate and highly opinionated type, we hope you will consider becoming a regular columnist.

Columns can be submitted in the same ways as letters. They should be about a page and a half typed and double-spaced.

As with letters, include your name as you want it to appear in the paper, your classification if you are a student and a phone number where we can reach you.

William M. Hartnett writes for the *Inde*pendent Florida Alligator. (U. Florida)

Bookstore under new management

BY CLAIRE MOORE AND RACHEL PAUL STAFF WRITERS

Students may end up with more money after their trip to the bookstore this year.

Last year's SGA survey showed students were dissatisfied with the cost of books and the amount of money for book buy-backs. The bookstore was managed by Barnes and Nobles booksellers for the past five years; their contract ended last spring.

At that point, a committee was formed of some university professors and staff, campus school administrators and library staff to examine options for bookstore management that would benefit both the campus school and the university.

Follett, the new management company is based in Elmherst, Ill., and now has about 550 campus bookstores nationwide.

According to Charles Frasier, chairman of the committee, comprehensively, Follett was the best choice the committee could make.

"The focus of the business is on college and university bookstores," Frasier said. "The company does not have a retail store. We're optimistic it will be a good move for the school."

Student expectations range from better prices to friendlier staff.

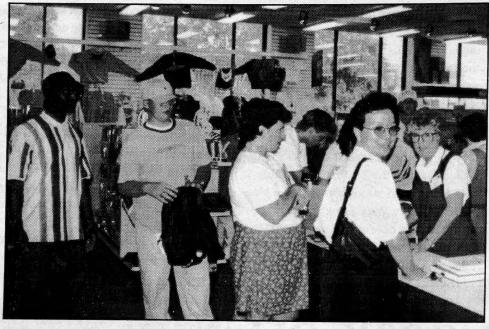


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

These students line up to buy their books for the semester. Follett, the new bookstore management company, began operating the bookstore in May.

"I hope people in there are more friendly and willing to help," said Heather Alteri, a junior mass communications major.

"When I have to buy books this year I expect prices to be more fair and people to be easier to deal with," said Lisa Partin, a junior history communication major.

The bookstore staff is optimistic about

the new management.

"I think they really want to focus on communication between faculty, students and the bookstore staff," said Virginia Hooper, a bookstore veteran of 20 years.

The new bookstore manager under the Follett team is Tracey Copley.

"More than anything we want to be a part of the school and a part of the community," Copley said.

Students can expect the following changes in the bookstore:

- · cheaper prices on most items
- more religious books
- · more new LU clothing
- more snacks and two new Coke and RC machines
 - · year-round book buy-backs.

Though books will be accepted year-round, the main book buy-back will be during finals week. Nationwide resources allow Follett to buy back some books if the wholesaler needs them. The books that are needed for the next semester will be worth more; students may receive up to 50 percent of the original book price.

Book prices will be lower because the conditions of Follett's contract demand a lower profit margin. Copley warns, however, that publishers may raise prices, and Follet is not responsible for those increases.

The new Follett management is beginning to feel at home here.

"Everybody on this campus has been extremely nice and extremely understanding during this time," Copley said.

Follett hopes to eventually create a web site, remodel by next spring and increase software, Copley said.

"We want to get the books straight that students need for class first, then push forward."



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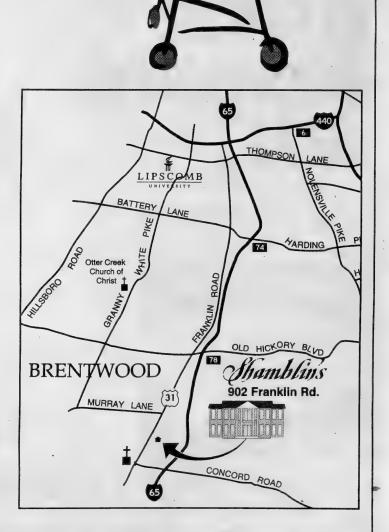
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Thurs., Aug. 27, 1998 4 p.m. – Burton 134

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Home Run Derby

Tues., Sept. 8, 1998 6:30 p.m. – Intramural Field

Anyone interested in competing should come to the Intramural Field no later than 6:30. There will be prizes given to the top three finishers. Numerous other give-aways will be given out to spectators. A cook-out is planned for anyone who comes at 6 p.m. Call Andy Mankin for more info.

Intramural softball rosters are due Sept. 7.



Coming Events

SGA is sponsoring the Third Annual "Night in Nashville" Scavenger hunt for Friday night. Call 1831 for more info.

Backlog pictures will be taken Aug. 31 thru Sept. 4.

Campus Organizational Fair is planned for Sept. 1 in Bison Square. Contact Gayla Pugh for more info.

The Nashville Predators announce "Puck Patrol" auditions Sept. 1. To get more info and register for an audition, call 770-2361. Candidates must be 18 or older.

Cheerleader Tryouts are scheduled for Sept. 3. Contact Kim Chaudoin for more info.

Social Club Rush Fair will be held in Bison Square on Sept. 3. All students are invited.

Landiss Series presents John Seigenthaler Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Swang 108. Contact Dr. Loyd for more info.

Labor Day is Sept. 7. Classes will meet but many campus offices will be closed.

Elections for Homecoming Queen and SGA freshman senators will be Sept. 9.

Elections for Homecoming court will be Sept. 16.

Last day to drop classes with a partial refund is Sept. 23.

To have your campus event or activity included in **Coming Events**, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

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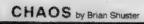
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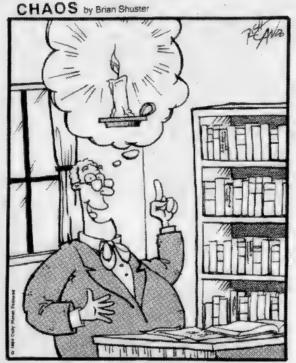




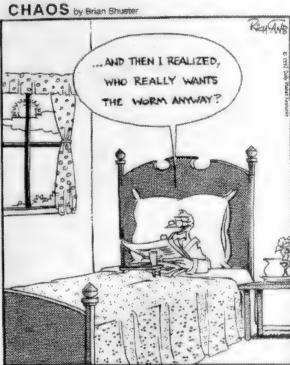




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Women set to tee off 1st year, face challenges

BY CHRIS PETRAKIS
STAFF WRITER

As the Lipscomb University women's golf team gears up for its first season, shooting par seems to be the least of its worries.

The Lady Bison team has quite a tough climb ahead, lacking funding, conference participation and even players.

In his 31 years of coaching the men's golf team, Ralph Samples has led the team to 17 national tournament appearances. Coach Samples will use this experience to help build his women's program from scratch.

"The school just recently approved the program so I have not had much time to get the funding, and players needed," veteran Coach Samples said.

The women's team currently consists of only three golfers. The main reason is lack of scholarship money to offer potential recruits

"I am in the process of raising funds

for the program," Samples said. "Hopefully, enough money will be raised to run a successful golf program."

The present 1998-99 Lady Bison roster comprises senior Miranda Morrow, junior Julie Vaughn, and sophomore Jennifer Mick. The women are excited of being the first members of the new team.

"I have been wanting to play golf ever since my freshman year at Lipscomb," Morrow said. "I am so excited that I finally get the chance at playing collegiate golf."

"We have all played each other in junior golf tournaments so I expect it to be very competitive," Mick said.

The National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics regulations state that there must be at least four members to make a team eligible for competition.

Coach Samples is very optimistic that a fourth player will be found before the fall season begins in September.

Lipscomb University has taken the first step in bringing women's golf to the

TranSouth Conference. Although no other school in the conference has committed, Freed-Hardeman, Berry College and Union University are pondering the idea.

Belmont University just added a women's golf team because it needed 14 total varsity sports to go NCAA Division I. The addition of women's golf at Lipscomb could be the next step for the school to go NCAA.

Although Lipscomb Athletic Director Jonathan Seamon wouldn't comment on that NCAA status he did say that he is really looking forward to having women's golf at Lipscomb this fall.

"I am very much in support of having the addition of female sports," Seamon said. "I hope the program will develop as well as our men's golf team has in the past."

Since the Lady Bisons are the only team in the area, Samples has scheduled tournaments at Southern Indiana and Cumberland College for the fall.

Needed

Sports writers who would be able to cover the Tennessee Oilers and the Nashville Predators.

Also needed are writers to contribute a weekly column about national sports stories.

Finally, The Babbler is looking for contributors for a weekly Sports Prognosticators column predicting the winners for the top college games each Saturday. Guest contributors are welcome.

If interested in any of these openings, please call 269-1829 and ask to speak with Sports.

1998 Recruits

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

Adam Sonn, Nashville/Donelson Christian, 6'8", 220 lb forward

Kyle Stephens, Paris, TN/Henry County, 6'7", 225 lb post

Ryan Roller, Nashville/David Lipscomb, 5'10" guard

Ron Sarver, Nashville/Ezell-Harding, 5'11" guard

Shane Newberry, Cleveland, TN/Cleveland State CC, 2B/3B/OF

Matt Pardue, Mt. Juliet, TN/Columbia State CC, P Josh Bradley, Donelson, TN/McGavock, P/OF/SS Jeremy Robertson, Morris, AL/Mortimer Jordan, OF

Rhett Fordham, Brentwood, TN/Ole Miss, 3B/OF

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes **Beth Box**, Pace, FL

Jill Hortman, Spartanburg, SC

Brittany Burton, Germantown, TN/Harding Academy

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

Shelley Sims, Sparta, TN/White County, 5'6" point guard

Kinisha Perry, Clarksville, TN/Northeast, 5'10" post

Sonya Romine, Rogersville, AL/Calhoun CC, 5'8" wing

Jennifer Norman, Charlotte, NC/Independence, 6'4" post

Christi Sims, Nashville/David Lipscomb, 5'8" wing Kelly Wade, Lexington, KY/Lexington Christian, 5'8" point guard

SOFTBALL

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

Shelley Kirk, Columbia, TN/Columbia Academy, Pitcher

Anna Holt, Ooltewah, TN/Ooltewah HS, Outfielder Nicole Null, Walnut, MS/Kossuth HS, Utility Leiann Beaty, Concord, MA/Concord-Carlisle HS,

Brandy Roberts, Portland, TN/Portland HS, Utility

MEN'S GOLF

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

David Sciortino, Nashville/David Lipscomb
Devin Mize, Nashville/David Lipscomb
Chris McMillen, Brandon, MS/Brandon
Travis Clark, Reynoldsburg, OH/Reynoldsburg
Ben Davis, Wilsonville, OR
Matt Johnson, Huntsville, AL/Madison Academy

MEN'S TENNIS

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

Brian Jerkins, Nashville/David Lipscomb HS Zach London, Pensacola, FL/Jefferson State CC

WOMEN'S GOLF

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

Jennifer Mick, Brentwood, TN/Ezell-Harding Miranda Morrow, Hohenwald, TN/Lewis County Julie Vaughn, Decherd, TN/Franklin County

BASEBALL

Name, Hometown/HS, Notes

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Jordan Gieselman, Ormond Beach, FL/Father Lopez, LHP

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NEWS

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A \$900,000 shortfall?

Drops in freshman enrollment and retention rates cause concern for administration

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

ue to lower than expected freshman enrollment numbers and higher than expected retention losses, Lipscomb University is facing a projected 1,500 fewer student hours for the fall semester as compared to the fall of 1997.

At \$302.75 per hour, the drop in semester hours equals a drop of about \$450,000 in tuition from the fall of 1997.

Carried over a full school year the total is about \$900,000.

As of Tuesday morning, according to Dr. Jim White, vice president of enrollment management, total freshman enrollment for the fall semester stood at 507. The final totals will become available later this week

after the final processing numbers from Tuesday are calculated.

Coupled with the decrease in freshman enrollment, the university was also struck by a drop in retention rates.

When reached for comment on the drop in enrollment, Flatt said he could not address the figures because the numbers were not finalized.

However, Flatt did say that he was already taking steps to prevent the declines from continuing.

To that end, Flatt addressed the faculty after chapel today and is set to speak with the staff tomorrow. He wanted to share with Lipscomb employees his thoughts about the situation and to address specific concerns from employees.

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E-Mail from President Flatt to all Lipscomb employees

As you are likely aware, University enrollment has dropped for the fall 1998 semester. While some decline in numbers was anticipated for this fall (based on the size of the two prior freshman classes), the decline is worse than anticipated. Final numbers are not in, but plans are underway to deal this issue on the short- and long-term basis.

I want you to be aware of the scope of the challenge and some preliminary thought on how it will be addressed. I'm asking University faculty to meet with me on Wednesday, September 2, after either chapel in Swang 108 for a brief review of the situation. I would like for all staff to meet with me on

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Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Swang 108 for a similar discussion.

I have every confidence that the current enrollment situation does not reflect a permanent trend. However, it must be turned now or future progress will be retarded.

Thank you, in advance, for being a part of one of these meetings and helping reroute the enrollment course.

Steve Flatt President 8-28-98

The Babbler will continue to follow this story over the following weeks and report back the most recent totals and plans from the administration on how it plans to handle the situation.

Seigenthaler set to begin Landiss Series

BY LISA PARTIN **NEWS EDITOR**

World renowned journalist and president of Nashville's Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, John Seigenthaler Sr., leads off this years Landiss Series with discussion on media scandal and the first amendment.

A native Nashvillian and media veteran of nearly 45 years, Seigenthaler will speak Thursday night at 7:30 in Swang

Seigenthaler attributes his love of writing to the times his parents spent reading to him and his mother's shared joy for writing

"My mother was a prolific writer of letters, memos, notes, and articles," Seigenthaler said. "The major influence was that my mother and father read to me from earliest childhood almost every night. And the reading ranged in formative years from the junior classics to Tom Swift. And by the eighth grade we had graduated to Shakespeare. I gained a great love for Shakespeare."

Seigenthaler began his career as a cub reporter for The Tennessean in 1949. By

the time he retired in 1991, he was editor, publisher, and CEO of the Nashville paper, as well as foundeditorial ing director for USA Today.

Seigenthaler's parents, however, taught him much more than just a passion for writing. In a profession where journalists are required to always be objective, Seigenthaler

priority to the story.

was instilled with John Seigenthaler Sr. shares some of his experian understanding ences in journalism.

Seigenthaler first exhibited what he calls "mere instinct" in October of 1954. Arriving on the Shelby Street Bridge to get the story of 55 year-old Gene Bradford

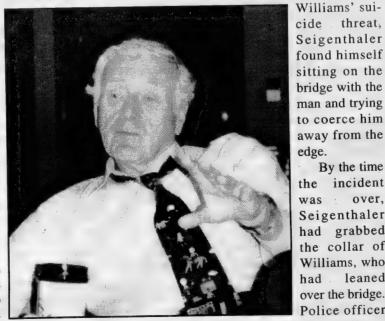


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY John Mullane, waiting in the

that the life and well-being of others is background, pulled the two of them back to safety.

Seigenthaler again put himself in harms way for the sake of others during a Klansman assault on the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., in 1962.

Taking a brief break from journalism to serve as administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Seigenthaler was sent to Montgomery as chief negotiator with the Governor to get the Freedom Riders safely out of Alaba-

Arriving at a bus stop late at night to help the Freedom Riders connect for their next destination, Seigenthaler found Klansmen destroying the luggage of the Riders, beating them and white men and women coming to their aid. Two women in particular were being attacked by Klansmen. The black woman was being jostled around while the white woman beside her was repeatedly punched.

Still in his car, Seigenthaler thought over the bridge. his best chance was to surprise the attack-Police officer. ers than get the women out. Running up onto the curve while laying on the horn, who had been he jumped out of the car and swiftly pushed the black woman into the car than attempted to do the same for the white woman. Fearful of what he wanted, she refused to go. By the time he explained he was a federal agent, the Klansmen struck him in the head with a pipe and kicked

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International

Bill Clinton is heading home after wrapping up his two day summit with Russia's Boris Yeltsin. Russia is struggling to maintain its move towards democracy and free mar-

The peace process in the West Bank took another step backwards after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said a deal for Israel's withdrawal from the West Bank has fallen through.

National

Following Hurricane Bonnie's strike against the East Coast last week, Tropical Storm Earl is churning towards the Gulf Coast. Earl is expected to become a full hurricane before making landfall.

One of the Marine aviators involved in bringing down an Italian cable car has been granted immunity for his testimony. Capt. Chandler Seagraves has agreed to testify to the actions of the pilot and navigator of the EA-6B attack

Wildfires are threatening more homes in California. The fires have already claimed one life and 39 homes.

In light of President Clinton's about face of denials about relationships with Monica Lewinsky, a federal judge has ordered Clinton's deposition comments from the Paula Jones lawsuit be made public. Judge Susan Weber Wright said she is also considering sanctions against Clinton.

Your World at a Glance

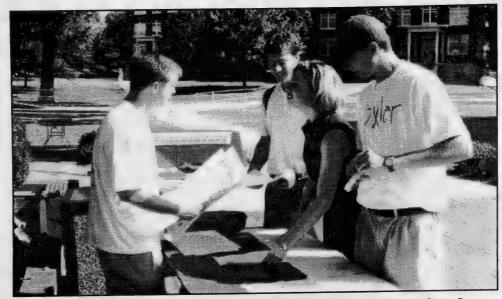


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Kevin Duncan (left) tells Nathan Hill and Tara Burnette about the Spiritual Life retreat as Brett Harrison (far right) looks on.

Business

The Dow continues its roller coaster ride amid concerns about overseas markets. The Dow dropped more than 500 points Monday before bouncing back almost 300 points on Tuesday. Asian and European markets have investors jittery about the possibility of a prolonged bear market in the U.S. economy despite strong economic indicators.

Local

The driver of the MTA bus that killed two people Monday is admitting to speeding. Jimmy Ray Simmons said he was running behind schedule and was trying to make up time when he ran several lights and side-swiped numerous cars on Lower Broadway. Two men were killed when the bus came to rest on the car in which they were riding.

Seigenthaler: I just know that somewhere in me there was an instinct that told me what was right and wrong

(story cont. from page 1) him under the car.

Suffering cracked ribs and a fractured skull, Seigenthaler considered it a part of

When Seigenthaler ended his hiatus from journalism, Attorney General Kennedy presented him the pipe on a Seigenthaler, who will always have a he used his head above the call of

Seigenthaler said it was fun having his name in history books, but he doesn't consider himself a hero.

"I didn't think about safety or danger. If I had thought about that I would have run both times....I believe something now about adrenaline.

"I don't know when I knew what I knew about Civil Rights. I just know that somewhere in me there was an instinct that told me what was right and wrong. I guess that goes back to your parents teaching you what was right and wrong. In the most basic way, segregation was wrong. It was corrupting the soul, corrupting the spirit, corrupting everybody who let themselves be consumed by it."

plaque, with the inscription, "To John To me, the best response to pipeline to this office. And for the day bad speech is good speech.

John Seigenthaler Sr.

Seigenthaler said that though he didn't think of it at the time, the little acts of kindness by his parents probably had an effect on his passion for protecting human

"My parents were just good, descent, understanding, caring people. We were a big family, Catholic...They always made us feel cared about and cared for. It was a big family, but apparently no one was excluded from their embrace.

"In my family we're the way we are because our parents made us that way. It turned out very well for us."

Heading up the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt, Seigenthaler's goal is to increase discussion and debate on the first amendment, in order to gain greater awareness of its importance and to develop tolerance.

He said he hopes that through the center's work, more Americans will take advantage of their freedoms granted by the Constitution.

But with these freedoms, come responsibilities. A free society must sometimes tolerate unfavorable opinions.

"To me the best response to bad speech is good speech....When you tolerate the worst, you can tolerate anything. And when you debate the worst, you can improve things and make them better." ■

Sports
Mark McGwire hit his 56th and 57th home runs Tuesday night. He broke Hack Wilson's NL home runs record and now stands five homers from breaking Roger Maris's MLB record of 61 homers in one season. Sammy Sosa was hitless last night and remains at 55

The Houston Comets repeated as WNBA champions last night. Houston beat the Pheonix Mercury 80-71. Houston was led by twotime league MVP Cynthia Cooper with 23 points.

College football kicks-off its full schedule this weekend. Some of the top games to watch include UT/Syracuse, Ohio St./West Virginia and Washington/Arizona St.

Several pre-season college games took place over the weekend. FSU beat Texas A&M in one of the top games. USC beat Purdue and Colorado St. downed Michigan State. Nebraska beat Louisiana Tech Saturday despite Troy Edwards' 405 yds. receiving for the Techsters.

The Tennessee Oilers face off against the Cincinatti Bengals Sunday. The Oilers are still struggling to sell out their first home game next week against San Diego. The Oilers have only sold out their game with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Entertainment

Video copies of Titanic went on sale yesterday. Video sales of the top box office hit of all time are expected to be brisk.

Flatt set to address figures

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In an e-mail sent to all Lipscomb employees, Flatt addressed the situation and called for a concerted effort by the entire Lipscomb community to help in the process of improving the enrollment numbers. He said enrollment is a campus-wide concern and the solution must be a campus-wide effort as well.

As the numbers are finalized this week, Flatt plans to sit down with his administration and lay out a plan for the short and long terms.

According to White, until the enrollment situation is stabilized, Flatt will likely have to divert attention away from the university's long-term vision plan and instead focus more on the immediate enrollment issue. In Flatt's e-mail, hesaid that "future progress will be retarded" if the current situation is not addressed in a timely and effective manner.

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Fall Retreat The Long Run'

Featuring Mark Black

Sat., Sept. 12-Sun., Sept. 13
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Register in the lobby of the Student Center Mon., Aug. 31 - Fri. Sept. 4

Deadline: Fri., Sept. 4
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A great time of worship, study, building relations, games, volleyball, ultimate frisbee and more!!

Career Center provides tools, counseling to hook best job

BY STACEY KIZER

It seems that a lot of students are missing the boat when it comes to taking advantage of the Career Center.

"I didn't even know we had one," said Jada Arkovitz, a senior business major. She's not alone.

Jim Yates, director of the Career Center explains that reaching students is a priority for his department.

"We are trying to do a better job of informing students about their options," he said.

Yates said that while students can look forward to an excellent job market, competition is stiff for the best jobs.

"We provide the materials and then do one-on-one counseling for the student's job search," Yates said. "We help them fine tune resumes and cover letters."

The Career Center is the place to go when a student decides it's time to put some experience on his or her resume by completing an internship.

"It's important that when students decide on what they want they want to do, that they get a job in that field," Yates advises, "and internships are a great way to do that."

Often, an internship will lead to a full-time job after graduation she adds.

Many students, though, are just unsure of where to go to look for opportunities.

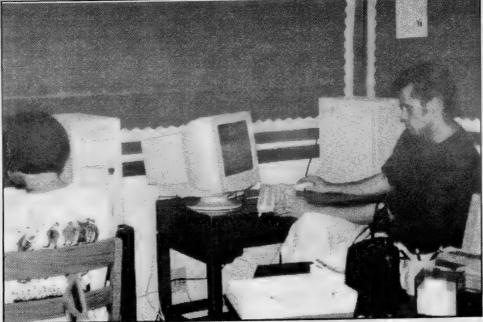


PHOTO BY JENNIFER HUMPHREY

Emily Burton (left) and JohnDeaderick take advantage of the Resume Expert program.

The Career Center could very well be that place.

The Career Center has a wealth of resources that a student can benefit from. It has books full of part-time jobs, full-time jobs, summer work, internships, and graduate work.

The Career Center is not just for students though, it's for alumni as well.

When students graduate they are more then welcome to come back to campus and try to find a job or to look for more experience.

There is even a Resume Expert program that students can complete in about an hour and a half. The program creates custom resumes for the student that the Career Center will send out automatically.

Businesses call on a daily basis looking for students to hire. Beverly Langford, secretary of the Career Center, said that she often mails out as many as 40 resumes in one day for students at Lipscomb.

"We'll send it out for them if it matches their major or career choice," Langford

The Career Center also hosts many campus wide events such as "Meet the Firm Night" for accounting majors and "Teacher Recruitment Week" that drew in over 300 interviews.

"A lot of businesses like Lipscomb and a lot of people are interested in Lipscomb students," said Langford.

Businesses such as Signa Health Care, First American, and State Farm are among those companies. Many of them even visit the campus as many as three times a year. UPS does, for example.

The Career Center also participates in an annual Career Fair that exposes Lipscomb students to as many as 240 different, nation-wide companies. This event is especially beneficial to graduating Seniors

"We're glad to help any way we can," said Langford. ■

The Career Center is located in the basement of Elam.

Hours:7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F



Lipscomb in Vienna: an opportunity to see the world



The Austria-American Institute provides the classroom settings for LiV participants.

Thirty-seven LiV participants leave today for three months in Vienna and Europe

BY ALICIA FONSECA STAFF WRITER

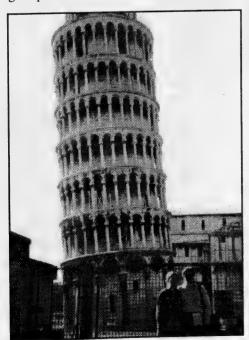
he majority of Lipscomb students are busy this week moving and settling in, buying books and getting back into the swing of classes and study-

But 33 Lipscomb students are preparing for the experience of a lifetime, set to begin Sept. 2.

These students are participating in the Lipscomb-in-Vienna program.

This year's program lasts from Sept. 2 to Dec. 4. As in the past, the students' home-away-from-home will be the Kolping Haus in Vienna, Austria.

Like the 1997 LiV group, this year's group will have classes at the Austria-



Students get the chance to travel Europe and see many of the sights including the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

street from the beautiful state opera house.

six hour humanities class and two one-hour mentals of biology course also offered this

American Institute, located across the

The classes will consist of German, a bible courses. There is an optional funda-



Birthday celebrations are a favorite activity.

said. "But I am also anxious about it."

For many students, one of the greatest uncertainties surround the myriad details involved in the trip. Stu-

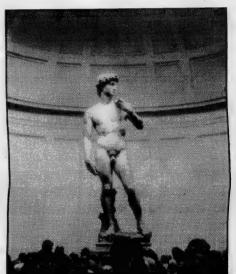
dents must pay attention to:

- passports
- packing lightly
- · keeping up with a Eurail pass
- staying on top of their money situa-

"The bags are packed and all of the info is taken care of," Charlie Wright, a LiV '98 participant, said. "It is now just a matter of getting over there. After two

pants are free to travel anywhere they wish on their three day weekends for two of the three months. Former participants agree that the LiV program is a great program and encourage anyone interested to check into the program further.

15 European countries. The LiV partici-



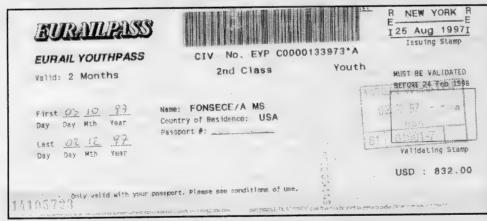
Michelangelo's David is a famous sculpture students visit.

LiV Announcement

There is the possibility of a LiV Spring Break reunion in Vienna. Lodging would be at the Kolping and there would be some travel by Eurail. Former participants are encouraged to keep in touch and to check their e-mail for the latest developments.

Vienna Correspondent

The Babbler is excited to announce that Katie Boyer will serve as Vienna Correspondent while she is overseas. She will report periodically about the events and studies happening in Vienna. The Babbler would like to wish a safe trip to Katie and to all the LiV participants. We look forward to your return in December.



A Eurail pass enables students to travel across Europe for one fee.

The professors going along for the full semester are Dr. Ed Edgin, an English professor who will teach the humanities course, and Dr. Jim Arnett, who will teach the biology course. Dr. Edgin's wife, Beverly, and Dr. Arnett's wife, Linda, will also travel to Vienna.

The two bible courses will be offered during two week intensive periods.

Dr. Mike Moss will teach a course the last two weeks of Sept. on the parables of Jesus. Dr. Gary Holloway will teach the course on Ephesus the last two weeks of

Dr. Edgin said the program provides a great way for Lipscomb students to experience another culture. But living in another country away from family and friends can be somewhat intimidating.

"I am excited about the trip," Edgin

years of planning, the trip for me is finally becoming a reality."

Wright said he is aware of the increased attention to terrorist threats towards Americans overseas but that he isn't really concerned.

"Am I supposed to be?" he asked. "It is a semi-shaky time but you just gotta

The trip includes lodging at the Kopling Haus for the entire three months as well a group trip to Florence and Rome at the beginning of Oct. This Italy trip will lead into fall break, an approximately 10day period in which the students are allowed to travel in as small as groups of three anywhere their Eurail pass will take

The Eurail pass, also included in the program, allows unlimited travel in about

Enrollment figures demand action

900,000 is a big number.

So when enrollment totals for the school year project out to 900,000 fewer dollars than last year, the Lipscomb administration paid close attention.

The question is: What is to be done about the situation?

Finding the answer to that question is what President Flatt and his administration will strugle with over the next several weeks.

The symptoms are obvious.

Final numbers are not yet in, but numbers are down in two significant categories: freshman enrollment and total retention.

The university can not afford to

have unexpected drops in these two pened. figures.

Over the upcoming weeks, as the enrollment picture becomes clearer, it is The Babbler's hope that the administration will pay as much, or more, attention to the causes of the drops as they pay to finding the solutions.

Steve Flatt can not afford to run around plugging each new leak in the dike if he hopes to lead this school towards its vision plan.

Only by finding the causes can situations be prevented in the

The university needs to evaluate what happened and why it hap-

Talk to students and alumni. Listen to their thoughts, ideas and con-

No administrative committee will uncover the root problem. The problem will become much clearer outside of Crisman.

None of this is new information to the administration. It understands the challenge ahead.

But a clearly defined focus is vital. Business can not continue as usual.

In light of the renewed attention on the enrollment situation, this challenge may be the best thing that has happened to the university.

Letters to the editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or email it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number.

Letters may be edited for length, grammar and clarity. The Babbler reserves the right to refuse any letter. Preference will be given to those of less than 250 words.

Special contributors to The Babbler will be used throughout the year. If you wish to write a special column, call 1829 and ask to speak with the editor.

All columns are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Babbler or Lipscomb University.

Dr. King's dream must live on

Thirty-five years ago last week, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his dramatic "I Have a Dream" speech on the front steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

This remarkable message of hope has been recited and replayed countless times. However, the influence of the speech can not be judged by the number of times it is heard but by the extent to which it is followed.

Much has been mentioned about the diversity, or lack thereof, of Lipscomb's campus. It seems that the majority of these dialogues have been negative, focusing only on the differences between the races. A

new position, director of multicultural affairs, was created to focus on the concerns of minority and international students. Is a separate position necessary to unify the gap that exists on campus?

Reverend King was emphatic in his belief that it would take all Americans to repair the threads of disunity in America. His message was not only designed to comfort the displaced but to displace the comfortable. We must take his ideals and use them to bring together a student body that is composed not merely of black and white students but of children of God.

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Student Voices

Is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive on the Lipscomb campus?



Barron Jones

It is being born.



Heather Baragar

King's dream is not a very big issue on this campus. Yet no one has tried to make it an issue. I think everyone just tries to look the other way.



Martez Coleman

Dr, King's dream has been Jesus's dream for a long time. It's coming along.



Michelle Barden

His dream is definitely alive and is actively living on Lipscomb's campus.

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King's message goes beyond dreaming

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. --Thirty-five years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a passionate 16minute speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, most Americans remember only one very small part.

"I have a dream..."

The words are immediately recognizable. But does anyone remember the rest of the speech? Has the average American even heard or read the text of the rest of the speech? Probably not.

That, in itself, is not the problem. The problem is the generations who followed King have let those four little words define the man and his beliefs.

Today's schoolchildren learn that King was nothing more than an idealist, a dreamer. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Throughout the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s, King was a calm voice for realistic and achievable change.

While other black leaders took a militant and unyielding stance on issues of race, King realized that a certain degree of compromise was needed if the movement was to progress.

And while others substituted words for action, King masterfully employed both articulate arguments and unambiguous actions in the fight to free blacks from the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

King's combination of action and vision is a lesson for all of us. Reflecting on his legacy reminds us of our own civic obligations

While our generation may not have a cause as obvious as King's, we must not allow ourselves to become apathetic or indifferent to the world around us

Problems exist at every level of our society. The easiest way for you to change your own small part of the world is to become active and vote.

Take advantage of your opportunity to directly affect your local, state or national government. When you do not cast your vote, your voice goes unheard in the halls of government.

(Fri. was the 35th anniversary of King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech.)

From the desk of:

STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

What a week. If you have gotten this far into the paper, you obviously already know what I am talking about.

The news coming out this week about enrollment numbers and how they affect the university's operating budget has everyone's attention.

And it rightfully should. A million dollars is a lot of money and the Lipscomb community deserves an accounting of what President Flatt intends to do to remedy the

And as "The Student Newspaper of Lipscomb University," I felt The Babbler should share the information with you.

And of course, there was some ego involved on my part in reporting the story.

Every journalist loves to be the first to share news with his or her audience. It is called getting the scoop.

But as eager as I was to "break" the story, I had a lot of reservations about reporting this story in this issue.

First, as I sit and write this column Tuesday afternoon, the final enrollment numbers have yet to be turned in.

Final processing is still in progress and until it is done, there can be no final enrollment figures.

And until we get through this first week, the school will not have a truly

accurate figure for how many freshman will continue with the semester.

Second, by reporting this story now, The Babbler is "officially" reporting information to the staff before President Flatt has an opportunity to address them Thurs-

Now to some, this may seem fine, and it really is.

But I have some dissonance about it all. As much as I want to be a "true journalist" and report the news objectively, I am still human and have a bias

I like President Flatt. I think he is the right man to lead this university into the future. That comes as no secret.

I also like the administration with which he has surrounded himself. Even though I may have a difference of opinion with most of them on different topics, I still hold them each in high regard.

So when a story that has the potential to "give Lipscomb a black eye" breaks, I don't relish the story. I don't celebrate that I "got them."

But I do feel good about the opportunity to provide the most accurate information I can. This isn't gossip or third-hand infor-

I took great pains to try to check and recheck all of the information in this story. And the information is not done coming in.

With that in mind, I pledge that The Babbler will continue to follow this story and report the latest developments.

Continue to watch for updates and check out this space for the inside information on our stories.

The Religious Right Column: Maintaining Christian perspective

"College students are on

the earth. When there is

no routine, it becomes

more difficult to plan

BY KEVIN DUNCAN COLUMNIST

Only eight days have passed since the first day of class and many of you are already stressed about the upcoming semester.

You realize the difficult task that awaits after Thanksgiving Break which will require you to actually do all of the papers and projects that you were going to work ahead" on during the first few weeks of the semester while there was still time to breathe.

You know that after your first test in a few weeks, it will seem like you won't have time to manage school responsibilities, a job, social life, other activities, and still devote enough time in deepening your relationship with God.

I know exactly how you feel.

At times I get bogged down with so many extracurricular activities that my faith suffers. Over my last three years at Lipscomb, the Bible and my experiences have both taught me a few things that have

helped me stay focused when college life becomes hectic throughout a different schedule than the year. Whether you are just begin- all other inhabitants of ning your college career, about to graduate, or somewhere in between, please try some if not all of the following and see if your time with God." relationship with God grows and if

your pressures become less of a stumbling block in that relationship.

PLAN TIME WITH GOD.

I know most of you, especially upperclassmen, have heard that statement or a variation of it over and over again in chapels, devotionals, and other places. The reason for the repetition of this thought is the necessity and difficulty of planning time to spend with our Father.

College students are on a different schedule than all other inhabitants of the earth. For the most part, we do not have a strict daily routine that most people in the working world have. When there is no routine, it becomes more difficult to plan time

My biggest temptation, and perhaps yours regarding finding quiet time in the midst of pressures, is feeling sorry for myself because of my schedule when things become hectic. One thing that I am going to attempt this year when I am tempted to feel sorry for myself is to remember the example of Jesus during possibly the busiest week of His life, the week of his death.

Luke 21:37,38 and Luke 22:39 tell of Jesus going to a quiet place at night "as usual" to spend time with his Father. When life got the most hectic for Jesus, he continued to commune with the Father. I challenge myself and you to remember Jesus' example of spending time with God even when there seems to be no time available.

FIND "NON-MANDATORY" TIMES TO WORSHIP GOD.

Some of my favorite times of the week are chapel, Sunday worship, and Wednesday evening Bible study. I am thankful that God calls His people to worship on Sundays, that many congregations meet on Wednesday nights to study the Bible, and that the founders of Lipscomb decided that all students should meet for chapel every

One of the temptations 6ions about these blessings is to regard each of these times as "mandatory" and then develop bitter attitudes, especially toward chapel.

One thing that might help these attitudes that build up when other responsibilities pile on is taking advantages of opportunities to worship when you do not feel obligated or forced into it. Some great ways to do this include organized events such as Tuesday night devotionals, campus retreats, and small groups. Other ways include personally-organized small 1 groups or other activities with your home church in Nashville.

In Acts 2, Luke says "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts....praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." The first Christians worshiped all the time, not just Sundays. Find "nonmandatory" times to praise God to help stay focused throughout the year.

LOOK OUTWARD.

The most difficult temptation I face late in each semester is the one to forget about others. When tests, papers, and other assignments that revolve around things that will help me after I graduate pile up, it is hard to think about anyone but myself and my education. Things I do in college revolve around helping me in the present and for the future, especially education.

One thing that many of us need to do is take time for others. Many are involved in organizations and activities that directly help other people, such as Circle K, Inner City Ministries, and Youth Hobby Shop. Whether you are involved in one of these great ministries or not, make sure you spend time praying, thinking about, and helping others.

It is easy later in the year to forget about the millions of people in the world, America, Tennessee, Nashville, and Lipscomb that need our help. When things get tough throughout the year and it seems like you can't take any more pressure, remember the words of the imprisoned Paul in Philippians 2:3,4 who tried to think of others above himself:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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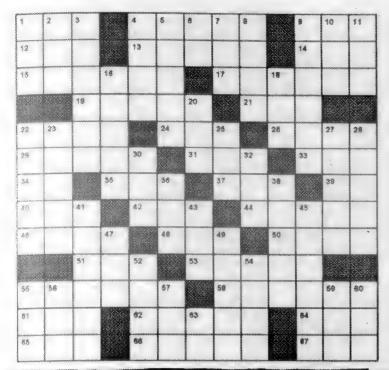
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Here's a funny idea:

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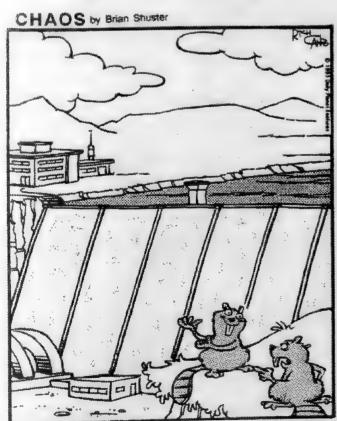
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"You did NOT build it."



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ALL I REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM THE BABBLER



Sleep is overrated. Believe nothing, verify everything. Know your sudience. Spell check is your friend. Attribute, attribute, attribute. Don't reglect your schoolcook. Start before deadline. Sleep is really overrated. High tech isn't always the best way, but it sure is great to have that option. Save often. Get it right...the first time. MAN CAN LIVE BY PIZZA ALONE. Second place is just the first loser. Sleep, while overrated, is a necessary evil. Campe Diem?

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Coming Events

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Landiss Series presents John Seigenthaler Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Swang 108. Contact Dr. Loyd at 2263 for more info.

Gamma Xi band party is Sept. 3 following Rush Fair. Weatherspoon will be the featured band.

Jessye Norman, a Kennedy Center Honor recipient, will appear with The Nashville Symphony on Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Jackson Hall. Tickets are \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$90. However, any tickets still available may be purchased one hour prior to show time at the TPAC ticket office for \$5 with a Lipscomb ID.

Labor Day is Sept. 7. Classes will meet but many campus offices will be closed.

Fall baseball practice begins Sept. 7. Open tryouts will be held for any students wanting to play for the Bisons. Call Coach Brown at 2527 for more info.

Elections for Homecoming Queen and SGA freshman senators will be Sept. 9.

Lipscomb University fall retreat will be Sept. 12-13. Cost is \$10. Deadline for sign ups is Sept. 4.

Lipscomb Faculty and Friends Series presents Chamber Music from the Governor's School Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Admission is free.

Elections for Homecoming court will be Sept. 16.

Major League Scout Day will be Sept. 17. Scouts representing most MLB teams will be on campus to evaluate talent.

Last day to drop classes is Sept. 23.

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Lipscomb alumna among Swissair crash victims

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

A Lipscomb graduate was among the 229 victims of the Swissair crash last Wednesday.

Suzanne (Davis) Bittenbinder, was aboard the MD-11 jetliner when it crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Bittenbinder, a flight attendant for United Airlines, was on a trip associated with her side business of time management

Bittenbinder graduated from Lipscomb in 1988 with a degree in Spanish.

Gladys Gooch, retired professor of foreign languages at Lipscomb remembered Bittenbinder as a warm, quiet and excellent student.

"She was such a smart girl, a really outstanding student," Gooch said. "I remember her telling me she wanted to be a stewardess. I thought the world of Suzanne."

Bittenbinder's parents, Dr.

Glenn and Sue Davis of Abilene, Texas, a pilot for United. They had been married were notified of Bittenbinder's death early



Bittenbinder

Thursday morning, according to Tom Craig, director of media and community relations at Abilene Christian University.

Dr. Davis is chair of the department of agriculture at ACU. Sue Davis is executive director of the West Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Bittenbinder lived in, Fla., with her husband, John,

six years and had no children.

Related News

The USS Grapple arrived at the crash site Wednesday. The Navy salvage ship helped with the TWA Flight 800 recovery process and is specially equipped for undersea salvage operations.

The search for the second of the two blackboxes - the cockpit voice recorder continues. Officials reported Wednesday that they are narrowing in on the location of the box and hope to recover it shortly.

Two memorial services for the victims were scheduled to be held Wednesday -one near the crash site and another at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Home Run **Derby Mania**

Sixty-two was the number Tuesday night.

In an interesting twist, 62 Lipscomb students showed turned out for the 3rd Annual Home Run Derby on the same night Mark McGwire hit his 62nd homer of the year.

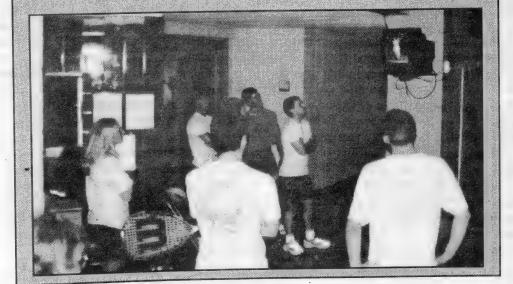
Andy Mankin, organizer of the Lipscomb home run contest, estimated that more than 200 fans showed up to cheer on their own favorite versions of McGwire.

The number of fans began to dwindle the closer the time came to 7 p.m., though, as fans left to join the McGwire watch.

For the record, Matt Brewer hit his winning shot in the Lipscomb contest at almost the same moment McGwire hit his historic 62nd homer of the year.



PHOTOS BY STEVE SHIRLEY Above: Matt Brewer shows off his winning form as he swats one out of the park. Below: Students watch the replay of McGwire's shot.



Nashville negligent claims dead VU student's mom

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mother of Kevin Longionotti

(U-WIRE) NASHVILLE, Tenn: In the time since her son's death, Debbie Slepicka has had numerous encounters with the Nashville Metro City Council.

Yet it was one particular encounter a few weeks ago, when a city official suggested over the phone that it was just time for her son to go, that the mother of Kevin Longinotti realized her fight for a Nashville storm warning system would not be won merely by presenting the mayor's office with research and figures.

Last week, Slepicka filed litigation claiming negligence and wrongful death on the part of the

"The only reason it was ever brought up was because they would not listen to reason," she said. "They need to stand back and

decide what is a priority here. I don't believe the city's priority is to protect the little guy.'

While Slepicka sat at the hospital with her son, Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist stopped by. Vice President Al Gore was on the telephone.

"All I ever got from Metro was 'no comment'," she said.

On May 19, the mayor's office did call. They wanted her to attend a meeting at the Vanderbilt Law School to review a report on the events of April 19, the day of the tornadoes.

"At the end of the report, it said, 'We

were very lucky that we only had one life lost," she said. Yet they could not tell her why there was no siren system in effect.

However there has been a siren warning system in Nashville in the past. Twenty-one sirens were put up during the 1960s by the Kennedy administration. As part of the Civil Defense System, they were meant to warn against bombings and nuclear threats.

As the Cold War wound down, these siren systems were converted around the

country to warn against natural disasters. Earthquakes in California. Flash floods in the Mississippi Delta. And tornadoes in Tennessee.

In the early 1980s, then Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley eliminated the

siren system because, according to Slepicka, it was an eyesore. Yet the sirens where not taken down. They were just turned off.

Debbie Slepicka

Slepicka wants the city to restore the warning system. She started to research the subject, looking into costs and places where similar systems have worked. The city said no, the system would not work because it could not be heard inside.

"In the Emergency Management Commission, there has been some debate as to their effectiveness," said Mark Drury, press secretary for Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen.

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Your World at a Glance

International

The North Korean launch of a rocket last week has neighboring countries worried. The rocket, which North Korean officials said carried a satellite, provides evidence that the country has the technology to develop a long-range missile system.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin is delaying his decision on whom to name the new prime minister. The Russian Parliament's lower house, the State Duma, overwhelmingly rejected Yeltsin's first choice, Viktor Chernomyrdin, for a second time Monday.

Tokyo police said that a 15-year old girl confessed to the poisoning that left one of her classmates hospitalized. According to police, the girl mailed bottles of cresol, a highly toxic disinfectant, to her teacher and 26 classmates. One boy remains hospitalized.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER HUMPHREY

John Seigenthaler Sr. ponders a question posed by Dr. Dennis Loyd.

National

Bad weather is hampering the search for Swissair Flight 111's second "black box" -- the cockpit voice recorder. Meanwhile, the flight-data recorder, recovered Sunday, contains no information from the crucial final minutes before the plane crashed, investigators said.

As Kenneth Starr prepares his report for Congress, President Clinton's advisors are trying to prepare their own report. According to CNN, the president's team of lawyers have asked for an advanced copy of the report so that they might draft a reply. When asked by CNN about this prospect, Starr had no comment.

Sports

Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris's 37 year-old record for home runs in a season Tuesday night. McGwire hit his 62nd homer in the fourth inning.

Sammy Sosa, also in the chase for the final record, had 58.

Business

Northwest Airline pilots continue their strike. The airline canceled all flights through Thursday.

Wall Street enjoyed robust gains Tuesday amid hopes of an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve Board.

Entertainment

Keiko the killer whale, the star of the movie "Free Willy," begins his journey home today. Plans are to fly Keiko in an Air Force C-17 to Iceland. There, Keiko will be released back into the wild.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER HUMPHREY

Mary Katherine Park (left) checks out the Kappa Chi booth.

Several hundred students took the opportunity to check out the social clubs last Thursday.

Every club prepared a table where the curious could get information. Many of the clubs also used the fair as a time to have a little fun. Sigma Chi Delta sponsored a water slide.

Pi Delta had a dunking booth where students had a chance to dunk a club member.

Delta Tau gave students a chance to go back to their childhood in "The Moonwalk."

And in a return to an old classic, Sigma lota Delta brought out the "Orange Crush" car. Students got a chance to pound their frustrations away at an old clunker.

And of course, there was food everywhere.

You can find more pictures on page 4.

City investigates warning system

(story cont. from page 1)

"Generally speaking, they are fairly expensive to maintain, and must be maintained a great deal," Drury said.

Drury noted many other large cities, including Chicago, do not have any siren warning system. He noted that city officials were looking into other more cost effective systems, such as expanding a computerized telephone system now used to warn people in flood-prone areas of impending danger.

"The Office of Emergency Management has done some studies and has said that to install a public warning system around the city would be about \$3 million," Drury said. "For \$3 million, what you would get is a warning system that would only warn people who are outside. OEM has suggested that we look into other alternatives."

"They have misconstrued the point," Slepicka said. "They will warn people who are outside, who are away from the TV and radio."

She said that throughout the summer, she tried to convince the city of this. They would not return her calls, she said. "The city's philosophy has always been that 'if we give her enough time, she will just shut up'," Slepicka said. "I think it was strictly a matter of statistics versus the money."

Drury said that although the city is aware of Slepicka's efforts, he is not sure that there is any working relationship between her and his office. "I don't know that she has made an effort to contact us," he said.

"We all sort of need to meet the same goal, and that is the notification of people in bad weather," he said. Drury went on to say that he had not seen Slepicka's lawsuit and had no comment

"The only thing that was going through my mind was that nobody else had to go through what Kevin and I were going through," Slepicka said. This was what was going through Slepicka's mind as she sat in the hospital. This is what keeps her up at night, every night and all night, sitting at her computer pulling up information she can put to use.

Slepicka cites the Office of Housing and Residential Education's program to distribute weather radios around campus as a positive step toward protecting the Vanderbilt community in the future from events like the one April. "If somebody nearby had had a radio, the ROTC would have called off the picnic," she said:

"It is a situation where we all have to take responsibility, until the city does," she said. "He was a real special guy, and you cannot tell me that it was just Kevin's time to go and let me accept it."

Credit cards present problems, expenses for students

For Meredith Habenstreit, the words credit cards are synonymous with debt.

The speech communication senior said her 11 cards have given her nothing but

"Credit card companies prey on college students because they know we only get money twice a year, and we blow it all at once on the rising cost of tuition, housing, exorbitant costs of on-campus food and books. They're legalized loan sharks," she said.

Phil Rabe, a customer care representative for the Citibank Corporation, said an estimated 100,000 college accounts are opened each year.

Business freshman Robby Ellis isn't one of those statistics, though.

"I don't have any cards because I don't have the money to max them out and pay them off," he said. "I don't want to go into debt."

There are several ways students can still deal in plasgoing into debt, several options exist to get out of debt.

To avoid the credit trap, Ellis simply tears up credit card applications when they arrive. It is not always that easy for others.

legalized loan sharks."

Ellis said one of the reasons credit is so attractive to students is because it is a fast way of getting money, and most people want the free stuff that comes with the

Habenstreit said she originally got the cards because of the free items the companies offered and now uses the cards for every aspect of life.

"I use them to pay for tuition, books, clothes, eating, groceries, gas -- everything," she said. "I've learned my lesson the hard way, and I don't use them as much as I used to."

She cut back primarily because many of the cards are "maxed out."

"It's a good thing they put those limits, because I would've kept spending. School doesn't get cheaper, only more expensive,"

Her fix-it plan is simple: pay whatever the budget can handle to get the creditors off her back.

In spite of all this, Habenstreit said she still likes credit cards better than her debit card because of the convenience.

"I don't like the debit card as much because my bank charges me a monthly fee to use it, but the best idea is to pay cash," she said.

Susan McKee, attorney for students, agreed.

"I counsel with 40 to 50 students every semester because they have overextended their credit," she said. "If you receive credit cards in the mail and don't have enough

self-discipline, either not to use them or not to charge more than you can pay off, (then you have overextended credit)."

Other problems with credit cards can be simply applying for them, McKee

She urged students to be cautious when disclosing personal information, such as Social Security numbers, birth dates and addresses.

"I've seen a lot (of credit fraud) in the news, especially in the last six months," she said.

"It's happening way too easily because people don't guard their personal information carefully enough. Know precisely who you're giving the information to and what they're going to do with

Another credit savvy suggestion is to charge only what you can afford.

Griggs said he tames his credit.

"I have "Credit card companies prey only one card that I on college students...they're e v e r y month," he Meredith Habenstreit said. "I keep my check-

> book balanced, and if I don't have enough money to pay for it (the item) right then, I don't buy

Griggs said students who fall into debt typically spend more than they have and aren't responsible enough to realize it.

Debt, however, doesn't have to be something that eats your lunch.

Rabe said several services are available to help people who are either already in debt or fear they may be getting near the

"They (students) can talk to a collection agency for that credit card and set up a payment plan," he said. "Or they can talk to

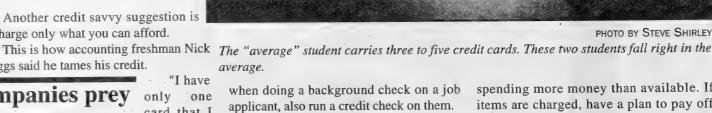
consumer credit counselor services. It's their job to work with people and out of debt."

In extreme cases, students may simply just want to file for bankrupt-

Credit can also be helpful although it has the potential for danger.

"You are basically given money for a 30-day period with no finance charge if you make your payments on time," Rabe

He also said that some companies,



McKee agreed.

"Many future employers look at your credit report (called a consumer report) and several other things," she said.

If the potential employer thinks applicants cannot manage credit cards and other assets, McKee said, he most likely will not want them managing his.

Curbing the credit monster:

* Limit your cards -- Having too much credit may have contributed to debt in the first place.

Ideally, one should carry less than three bank credit cards, maybe one department store card and one gas card.

* Open credit can be bad -- Keeping many cards may mean being turned down for other needed forms of credit such as purchasing real estate. If denied, the credit file will contain that rejected application. The file

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> Susan McKee, a financial Credit Attorney plan

spending habits, create financial goals and set spending priorities. Develop a budget where income is greater than expenditures.

* Monitor spending habits -- Keep a record of everything spent, know exactly where each dollar goes and where possible cut backs can be made. Use cash to avoid spending more money than available. If items are charged, have a plan to pay off the balance within 90 days. Beware, interest rates could increase cost on items

* Build a solid credit history -- Make minor purchases and pay bills on-time to show responsibility. Do not apply for or have too many cards.

* Check credit reports -- A credit report is a record of past transactions. Credit issuers report payment activity to the three major credit bureaus. Lenders and employers often check credit reports for an

indication of responsibility. Seek copies of personal credit reports each year to check for errors and safeguard against

* Peace with plastic -- To protect against credit fraud, safeguard credit card numbers and other personal information. Shred receipts, outdated bills and unnecessary pre-approved credit card offers.

Keep credit cards in a secure place and never let others use them.

Credit Counseling in the Nashville area

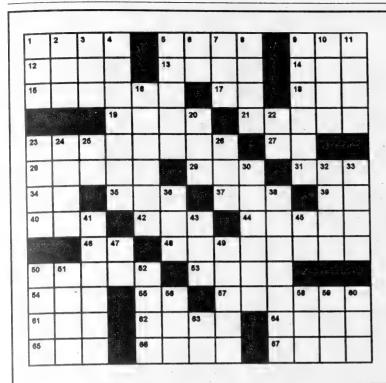
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University responds to need, appoints Davis to director of multicultural affairs position

BY LISA PARTIN NEWS EDITOR

RED AND YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE, THEY ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT. JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

An imitation of Christ- This is what Lipscomb seeks to accomplish through the new office of Multicultural Affairs.

Former Dean of Students, Bill Davis, acquired the position of Director of Multicultural Affairs on August 1.

This position was born out of on-going dialogue held by President Flatt and Davis with university students, alumni of color, area Church of Christ leaders, and university staff members regarding campus concerns for increased diversity in the Lipscomb family.

A leading vision held by Flatt and Lipscomb's administration is that God may use this school to bring about racial recon-

Davis stated that the time is now to bring minority students, once rejected under the ignorance of racism, home, where they belong.

"I want to help reconstruct the bridges and lines of communication between our alumni of color and their university," Davis said. "I want to partner with God and with the Lipscomb family in demonstrating that it is Jesus, and Jesus alone, who can make a world of difference not only on our campus, but in our hearts."

Davis emphasizes that this is not, however, an organization based purely black/white issues.

Lipscomb has students representing 42 countries around the world. The position geared toward

creating a place for everyone at Lipscomb, and bringing unity among students of differing backgrounds.

Davis sees two important reasons for having an office of multicultural affairs.

"The globalization of education, finance, industry, and management makes



upon us as an institution of higher learning" to welcome students of all cultures ethnic backgrounds.

More importantly, Davis said, as disciples of Jesus, Lipscomb should be sensitive and competent with regard to the backgrounds, tendencies, and feelings of all peoples.

"I believe every Christian

is an ambassador for Christ and directs multicultural affairs for the kingdom daily," Davis stated.

The basic role for Director of Multicultural Affairs is to coordinate programs and services to support the academic, social and personal development of all

it incumbent international and minority students as well as assist in the recruitment of international and minority students.

> Here is a list of some action items already underway by Davis and the Multicultural Affairs office:

- · Get out of the office and onto the campus, listen more, talk less
- · Seek student, faculty, staff, and administrative input/perspectives with regard to our present state
- •Weekly meetings with international and minority students- Tuesday 3-4 pm
- Develop year-round cultural events calendar with students, faculty, staff, and members of community
- Increase educational/training tools in our libraries and university bookstore for campus use and purchase
- •Develop a five year plan for campus
 - Multicultural affairs website

Davis is excited about the world reaching effects that can result from Lipscomb's obedience in following Christ's example.

"We have begun an exciting journey and I pray that God will give us the wisdom and insight to celebrate our cultures and world experiences through the blood/power of Jesus."

Gilmer takes over admissions dept.

BY JOSH DANIEL STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb University recently hired Scott Gilmer as the new director of admissions.

Dr. Jim White, vice president of enrollment management (and Gilmer's immediate superior,) feels Lipscomb "couldn't have made a better choice."

"Scott is bright and creative," White said. "He worked as our tour coordinator last year and did a great job with that.'

Gilmer received his undergraduate degree at UT Martin and his master's degree at Vanderbilt. He is presently working towards his doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration at

Gilmer also just co-authored a book entitled "Pathways to Privatization and Education" as part of his graduate work at Vandy. The book deals with moving the control of public schools to the private sector, which may help them to operate more efficiently, financially, and educa-

Scott said that he is "extremely excited to be here" because of the growth potential for incoming students.

"We have a lot of prospective students out there looking for what we have to offer," he said.

Although Lipscomb is down slightly in total enrollment this year (due to the smaller size of the two previous freshman classes to attend Lip-

scomb), Gilmer feels that the next five to 10 years will be an ideal time to be at Lipscomb.

Gilmer looks for Lipscomb to grow "first and foremost spiritually, but also academically and numerically. "

One of Gilmer's goals this year is to

work with admissions to have 600 first time freshman next fall.

Gilmer, who is very optimistic and confident about attaining that goal, said that he wants to "improve Lipscomb's job of recruiting students" by "traveling more and visiting more churches and visiting more college fairs and doing things like that this year".

Lipscomb students can look forward to significant growth in the number of students in the near future with Gilmer leading the admissions

"I just have all the confidence in the world that he is going to do a great job" White said.

It is very evident Gilmer is not only qualified to be the director of admissions but he is also a significant factor to the expansion that this student body will experience over the next few

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"Murder at Avalon: Seance" a hit with reviewer

BY CORY WILLIAMS

Question 1: Do you like to go on great dates? The traditional answer (except for those who have recently been rejected) is "yes, I do."

Question 2: Do you like to laugh? Unless you are some sort of sadistic freak or have recently had your spleen removed the answer should be "absolutely."

Then here's what I'm saying. After seeing "Murder at Avalon: Seance" at the home of our esteemed founder David Lipscomb, I have never, listen to me, NEVER had so much fun on campus before due to the incredibly witty and downright hilarious performance put on by the LU Drama Department.

This most recent edition of the Murder at Avalon series is a revision of the 1997 play cancelled last year when student Chris Witte was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident.

Despite the sorrowful memories, the cast has come back this year to put on an incredible performance that really and truly could be put on any stage in America regardless of the dinner theater atmosphere.

Is there any way to make a cliche, for

a lack of a better word, un-cliche?

I say this because "I laughed until my sides hurt" will mean nothing unless you take me totally literally. My jaw hurt after leaving Avalon.

It was that funny.

I tell you, Neil Simon has nothing on this play. Simon uses sex and vulgarity to be humorous and this play used puns, politics, and irony--material, I might add, that is much harder to make humorous to dirtyminded Americans--to get the audience to explode.

Amazingly, this play was written totally by former Lipscomb students.

Wes Driver and Greg Greene did a superb job on this script and should be shot if they don't use the talents they exhibited in "Murder at Avalon" to some means in their careers. I mean anyone who can make the joke "poultry-geist" funny by crafting it so people like me who were expecting it STILL laugh should be nominated for a Tony.

It was great folks. Rather than regurgitate the plot I would just rather use this space to give kudos to the cast members and the drama department because their talents are what made this phenomenal.

Senior Laura Brewer, who played Madame Zola, will be sorely missed after her graduation this year. While plays like Man of LaMancha and The Duchess of Malfi showed her performing ability, her raw talent was shown in the dinner theater atmosphere as off-the-cuff humor was prevalent and her charm shown through.

This same complement can be given to every member of the cast.

Jessica Jones gave one of the funniest renditions of "the hook story" I have ever heard. Her character made us all stop eating dinner to catch a chuckle.

Dr. Phil Choate who periodically shows up in LU productions played the "Columbo" role to a tee. And just think. He's a medical doctor. How many science teachers do you know that can, well, act unscientific?

Emily Choate used her flapper skills to charm the socks off of the audience. It will be exciting to see her in the future roles here in LU drama.

Kari Himelrick had to be one of my favorites during the whole play. She kept a straight face while exuding fear of a rubber chicken. Now that's talent.

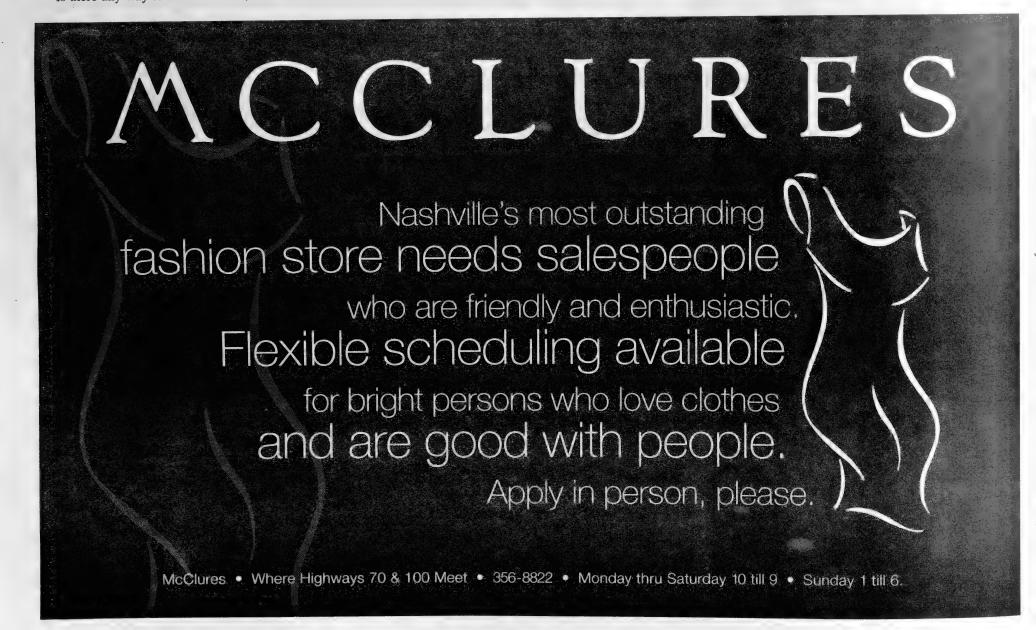
Derrick Spradlin was also super in his supporting role throughout the night. It's great that anyone declaring his love, albeit unknowingly, to Jason Miller can stay in character. And of course it is Miller who inevitably steals the show.

He can sing, he can dance, he can make you laugh and cry. Not only is his sense of stage presence, facial gestures, and characterization superb, but he can dance with Dr. Brown better than anyone I've ever seen (note I've never seen Dr. Brown dance). It was too funny. His presence will be sorely missed in future productions at LU.

Finally I'd like to thank Dr. Larry Brown who has single handedly brought the LU theater to the place it is at today. Even without a Fine Arts Building and other theatrical faculty, he has perpetuated Christian ethics in the arena of the dramatic arts and given unmeasurable enjoyment to those who go to see plays under his direction. Drama is never second-rate with him at the helm.

For those of you who are new to the campus, I implore you to GO SEE PLAYS. They are a free date and I've never seen a bad one yet. You will not regret seeing productions at Lipscomb--I promise.

As for this years "Murder at Avalon", congratulations to the cast on a job well done and I cant' wait until next year's performance.



New Nashville landmark sparks debate

Critics say statue along I-65 racist, insensitive

BY AMY BOHN AND REGINA BARKLEY STAFF WRITERS

T ashville will never cease to surprise

There is always something happening or something new popping up. There's the Arena, the new football stadium, the Tennessee Oilers, and most recently the Nathan Bedford Forrest statue.

The statue, unveiled July 11, located by Interstate 65 just north of the Brentwood exit is the most thought provoking of them

Thought provoking not only for how it looks, but also for what it stands.

Nathan Bedford Forrest, a leader for the South in the Civil War, called a "military genius" by those of his time, was also a leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Six men from Pulaski started the Klan," said Dan Meredith, a Lipscomb graduate and Middle Tennessee's area coordinator for the League of the South. "After a few months they asked Forrest to join to help protect both black and white women and children of the Confederates. What Forrest participated in was not the hate group the KKK is today.

The secretary of the Confederates was Jewish, and also quite a few people in the South were Jewish or Catholic. So Forrest would have no reason to create a hate group against these people."

There has been a storm of controversy

over the Nathan Bedford Forrest "My purpose was statue. The statue is a creation of to promote civilized Nashville artist Jack Kershaw and conversation and a symbol for the League of the accurate information." South.

Kershaw, a former lawyer who fought against seg-

regation laws in the '60s, said he wanted to help create a dialogue.

When I first started, my purpose was to promote civilized conversation and accurate information," Kershaw said. "I think I've done that.'

Kershaw's and the League of the South's message is that they want the best for Nashville, and that would be best brought about by separation of the State and complete independence from the gov-

The statue is merely an instrument to do this, they say.

"Well, Forrest was a Tennessee hero, a role model for American every boy, not just black and white, " said Kershaw. "This is the classic tradition of a pioneer

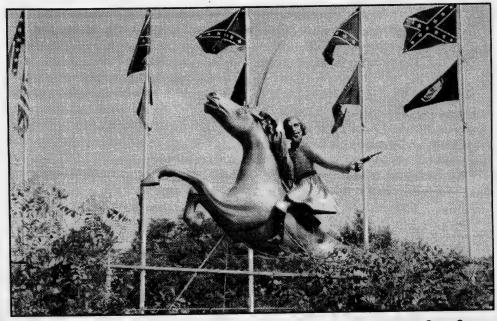


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The statue seemingly rises out of the brush along I-65. The statue stands in front of the state flags of each of the Confederate states.

lad. The North demonized Forrest and made a virtual devil out of him with all the things written about what he had done.'

Kershaw paints a mental picture of a man who was well before his time. A man who took care of his mother and 10 siblings when his father died. A man that joined the Army with no military experience who rode into the front of the line and fought with his men. A man who encouraged the black race and whose sole purpose for Klan involvement was to protect women and orphans after the Civil War.

When he died, almost 500 former slaves attended his funeral," Kershaw said. "Now if he was so horrible, why would they do that?

> Choosing Forrest as an instrument for the League of the South's mission. which is to promote and preserve southern traditions, such as morality-based decision making

and independence from the 50 states was smart," Kershaw said. "During Forrest's time, he saved the South from complete chaos."

Jack Kershaw

sculptor

There are many critics of Kershaw's work and the League of the South's mission. One such critic is Dr. Ronald Winbush, director of the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

"The picture the League of the South is trying to paint, is one of a military genius and strategist," Winbush said. "I will give him that, but we still cannot forget so many other things Forrest is guilty of.

This is a man that during the Civil War did not take black men as prisoners, he instead ordered them killed. He was involved in massacres of women and chil-

dren and he continued to have slaves when the Civil War ended.

There is a lot about Forrest that is not written in the history books. Nathan Bedford Forrest did a lot of things that this country does not stand for anymore. Forrest became so wealthy before the war because he was a slave trader," Winbush said. "That is not a person that should represent all the southern people today.

Winbush adds that the Nathan Bedford Forrest statue does not educate on the reali-

ty of what has happened in the past, but instead perpetuates the racism which is still apparent today.

grade when it comes to racism locally, nationally, and internationally," said Winbush. "Nashville gets an "I" , this nation gets a "Cand on the international level the grade is

According to Winbush, race relations are better for middleclass educated blacks, but there is still so much work left to be done. The Race Relations Institute wants to both open intraracial and interracial dia

The campaign is not going to end with Tennessee, the League of the South is planning to build 9 replicas of the statue across the country, and promote its basic purpose: "...to advance the cultural, social, economic, and political well-being and independence of the Southern people by all honourable means."

This, according to the League, can be done by declaring "our independence, one by one, from the malignant culture that poisons our very lifeblood as a people."

A picture paints a thousand words.

A statue, more specifically, the Nathan Bedford Forrest statue, paints a history. A history that some believe was prosperous and worth a second chance, to many it was a time that should be forgotten so the doors can be open for unity. Unity of all things, especially people.

Directions

Is the statue a racist symbol? Determine for yourself.

You can find the statue at Confederate Park. The park is located on the east side of I-65 North between Old Hickory Blvd. and Harding Road.



The statue stands about 25 feet tall and is cast out of fiberglass.

PERSPECTIVES

University classes shouldn't meet Labor Day

Every year at this time, the talk naturally turns to questions about why classes meet Labor day.

And the questions come easily.

Why does Lipscomb allow staff to take the day off while requiring faculty to show up for work?

Why does the high school see fit to cancel classes for the day?

Why does Lipscomb meet while many other universities give students a day off?

other universities give students a day off?
Classes didn't always meet on Labor

Day. What caused the change?

Why even bother meeting when most students are dreaming of being elsewhere and many of the faculty schedule "alternative" meeting locations and times.

Do student opinions on this topic not matter?

Each of these questions could be heard Monday as students trudged to class while most of America enjoyed backyard BBQs and trips to the lake.

And with these questions in mind, The

Babbler would like to weigh in on the matter and give the administration a suggestion:

Go ahead and cancel classes for Labor Day.

Students want it. That is evident by the absence rates.

Faculty members know they *really* want it. The kids are out of school. The spouse is off work. Family is in town for a visit. But Lipscomb calls the faculty member into work. Now is that family friendly?

And come on President Flatt. You know you would love to be out on the lake with your family, too.

So let's do. Let's go ahead and schedule Labor Day as a school holiday next year.

Of course, the administration's response to this discussion is that the school is required to meet a certain number of days for accreditation. So, the school "has" to meet on Labor Day.

But that argument overlooks one sim-

ple solution.

Start classes three days earlier. Simple. If classes had started on Thursday, Sept. 20, the University would meet all accreditation issues even after giving everyone a holiday.

And if you do the math (three days earlier minus a one day holiday,) there are still two days left over.

Think of the possibilities.

Flatt could walk into 10:00 chapel and announce to everyone, "You may have the day," giving the school a spontaneous half day off.

Fall break could return to a two day holiday.

The University would have a built in snow day. (Nahhh. Lipscomb never closes for snow.)

Whatever the decision, the topic is due more study. If for no other reason than that students are aking for it, the school owes it to itself to look into declaring Labor Day as a school holiday.

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Home Run Derby big success

Andy Mankin and his staff are due thanks from many students.

So let us at *The Babbler* be the first to say "Good Job."

Tuesday night was an interesting sight.
Sixty-two students stepped up to the plate for a chance to hit one out of the park.

More than 200 students lined the top of the hill at the intramural field to watch the contest.

And everyone joined the line for the burgers and drinks.

The enthusiasm was evident as fans cheered each towering shot out of the park. Contestants shouted "encouragement" to each other.

Even passersby got into the act by chasing down homers that crossed the street.

And this entire mood was set up by Mankin and his staff.

By preparing the food and working the crowd, Mankin's staff left nothing to doubt about the success of the event.

Mankin hoped to increase the numbers from last year, but he obviously didn't expect the record crowds.

The selection of drinks ran out quickly as the large number of fans grabbed a beverage to wash down their burgers.

Great food.

Great prizes.

A great contest.

Even the weather was perfect.

But it is questionable whether or not Mankin really had anything to do with that, though.

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Student Voices

Do you think Lipscomb should be out for Labor Day?



Christ Mack

Everyone needs a break...and half the students skipped class anyway.



Colin Moore

It would be nice to have a three day weekend to go do something. A lot of people missed class anyway.



Nancy Moon

It would be great if we could ne out on Labor Day. Most would rather be out on the lake than stuck in class.



Jason Orr

Since Labor Day is a national holiday, we should not have class.

Burton's confession weakens attack against Clinton

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.V. -- It seems that one of President Clinton's main detractors has found the crosshairs of public disgrace turned on to him.

Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.), who has repeatedly bashed Clinton concerning his character, calling him a "scum bag," admitted that he had fathered a child in an extramarital affair.

Burton acknowledged the affair in a statement Friday after days of pressure from media outlets who had been trying to interview the woman and their teen-aged son. Burton said he wanted to take full criticism and deflect attention from the two families.

The relationship occurred while Burton was serving in the state Senate and the woman was working for a state agency.

Even after Burton admitted to the affair, he continued his attack on Clinton, saying he and his House committee will issue a report on their investigation before October.

True, Burton's attack has focused primarily on campaign fund raising, and not on Monica Lewinsky, but Burton's attack does focus on Clinton's character.

How can a man attack another's character when he is lacking in it himself?

He hid his infidelity from most of his family for over 10 years. The son he had from the affair had no idea who his father was for over a decade. Now he finds out that he was the product of a fling covered up for so long.

Yes, Burton secretly paid child support, but the fact he hid from his son has most

likely caused emotional damage that no amount of money could repair.

So when Burton publicly condemns Clinton for his character flaws, he looks extremely hypocritical. And when a crowd gives Burton a standing ovation, they fall into the same category.

Those people applauding Burton are applauding an adulterer. They are applauding a person who lied, maybe not to a grand jury, but to the people who matter most in his life.

At that point, Burton and Clinton really aren't that far apart.

There is a lesson to be learned from this situation.

If one decides to point fingers at others, he must be ready for those fingers to point back

Burton could have gone for the rest of his life without his dirty laundry being aired in front of the nation. But he chose to attack another man. He chose to use crude words like "scum bag" to describe him.

He chose to leave himself open for criticism, and so he chose to have that skeleton tossed out of the closet.

Is Clinton a man of questionable character? Without a doubt. But those who are quick to condemn him should be ready for the imminent backlash.

Yes, Bill Clinton is probably a "scum

But so is the man who attacked him.

This editorial is from the *The Diamondback* (U. Maryland)

Russia needs U.S. support

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. --Last week, Russia entered a state of political and economic chaos not witnessed since the fall of communism.

The ruble has become basically worthless, and barter is now the preferred method of exchange.

The Russian stock market, once the target of significant Western investment, has essentially halted trading.

Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin is struggling simply to maintain his authority over the nation.

The Communist-dominated legislative assembly has become increasingly antagonistic toward Yeltsin, even calling for his resignation on several occasions. The renomination of conservative Viktor Chernomyrdin for the prime minister position is a tacit admission by Yeltsin that reforms have largely failed.

Despite the setback of American-style capitalism in Russia, it is more important than ever that the United States continue to support the fragile Russian democracy.

Although Russia is economically feeble, the collapse of the ruble sent global markets tumbling. Furthermore, the presence of thousands of nuclear warheads scattered across the Russian countryside is more than ample justification for continued American involvement.

It is also important the United States not attempt to dictate democracy on its terms. In particular, the United States must recast its image of the Communist party. American foreign policy during the Cold War was motivated by a belief that the Communists were bent on world domination. This led to the policy of "containment" as advocated by American diplomat George Kennan. But recent documents released from the Stalinist archives suggest that the Soviet Union's initial objective was merely to create a buffer of loyal states to defend against future aggression.

For their part, the Soviets were fearful of a Western invasion threat that never really existed. Thus, the Cold War might have been prevented if both sides had preserved a clearer understanding of the other's objectives.

This is not to say the Communists always played by the rules.

During its 50-year dominance of Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union suspended democracies, installed puppet governments and violently quashed protesters on numerous occasions.

But Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms in the 1980s were indicative of a more reasonable party platform that included economic decentralization and increased personal freedoms. The "new" Communists that serve in the legislative assembly have shown themselves capable of working within a multiparty parliamentary system.

The United States should ally itself with the Russian democracy, regardless of the party or faction that gains power. In particular, the Communists should not be viewed as a political and ideological enemy.

If the Communists return to power in Russia through a fair democratic election, the United States should befriend and cooperate with their government. The economic health and military stability of the world almost assuredly depend on it.

This editorial is from the *Indiana Daily* Student (Indiana U.)

Opinion: Three Stooges of government

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. -Studies that portray America's youth as a
generation of unmotivated couch potatoes
are a dime a dozen. But teens today are no
less intelligent or apathetic than any of the
generations before them - just more studied

Nonetheless, the results of a survey conducted by the National Constitution Center are a genuine cause for concern.

Among other things, the telephone survey of 600 teens between ages 13 and 17 found that only 41 percent could name the three branches of government while 59 percent could name the Three Stooges.

And while 74 percent knew Al Gore is the vice president, a whopping 90 percent knew that Leonardo DiCaprio starred in the movie Titanic.

The survey also revealed that 81 percent of the teens knew the musical group Hanson consisted of three brothers, but only 21 percent knew how many members make up the Senate.

This result is a sad commentary on the state of the nation's next generation of voters. Not to mention what it says about their musical taste.

Then again, judging by our current crop of elected leaders, older generations probably would turn in a comparably dismal performance if quizzed on their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. It is a shame that our educational system has failed to emphasize the importance of the Constitution.

That document has been the foundation of our nation for more than 200 years. The least Americans can do is have a basic idea of what that foundation looks like.

This editorial is from the *Independent Florida Alligator* (U. Florida)

Opinion: Cuts swamp Everglades

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. -- For the first time in years, the federal government is operating on a budget surplus.

Despite this breakthrough, Congress is now proposing massive spending cutbacks in its programs designed to protect the delicate environment of the Everglades.

After spending years of effort to reverse the negative effects of corporate dumping and development, it is unjustified for the government to back out of its promise to protect Florida's most unique habitat.

Cutting money budgeted for the Everglades will tie the hands of South Florida water managers who have used the money to buy undeveloped Everglade wetlands. Commercial developers would then be free to develop the area and lead the ecosystem into a downward spiral.

Furthermore, the cuts will stall the completion of the restoration of waterways leading into the Everglades. This project, which has been underway for a few years, will be worth nothing if funding is weakened. The opening of clogged waterways can not be successful unless the canals are completely cleaned out. Partially cleared canals will continue to collect hazards and eventually close themselves again.

Beyond these half completed jobs, plans set for this year will never materialize without a reliable flow of money. For example, a portion of an Everglade canal was scheduled to be filled this year, but little work can be done under the new allotment.

Despite the pleas of Florida governmental officials, such as Republican Sen. Connie Mack and Democratic Sen. Bob Graham, Congress has said little will change.

The Everglades definitely needs money in order to save it from development and pollution. Congress, however, is swamping efforts to protect the endangered land. Congress must get the muck out of its eyes and rethink its death sentence for the Everglades.

This editorial is from *The Oracle* (U. South Florida)

Faculty couples make the best of unique work situation

On having spouse also

working at Lipscomb

STAFF WRITER

It's a family affair.

The Lipscomb campus abounds with faculty and staff who are married - to each other. And they agree that the advantages of working together greatly outweigh any disadvantages.

Knowing each other's friends, colleagues and students is the most important advantage, most said.

Most people meet their spouse's colleagues once a year at a holiday party, but working together allows them to know the other's friends and colleagues as real people. The names are associated with more than just faces; they have personalities.

"It's like living and working in a small town," said Susan Farris, R.N., director of the student health center.

The disadvantage, though, is that some people assume that she and her husband, Ronnie Farris, the postmaster on campus, tell each other about everything that other people on campus say and do. Her job requires confidentiality, however, and she holds to that.

Many couples find it convenient to drive only one vehicle to work, which saves on transportation costs and extra

Bill Tallon, professor of chemistry, and his wife, Becky, assistant professor of computer science/math, sometimes stay

on campus after hours to see a concert or other special event, and maybe have dinner at or around Lipscomb.

Among other advantages of working for the same institution, spouses can spend more time together and have a better knowledge of the other's duties, responsibilities, and pressures.

"It is easier to understand each other professionally," said Kim Reed, assistant working in a small professor of French and English.

Most couples agree that working together makes them at least marginally closer. They do not see each other all the time, but

there is comfort in knowing that they could if they wanted to, said Ronnie Far-

town."

John Parker, English professor, said, "It's like a married couple who owns their own business. You work at it. There is a common focal point of interests.'

Some of the pairs have a long history

Dr. Jill Parker attended the campus school from kindergarten through college. However, she did not get to know her husband until graduate school, even though he attended DLU for two years.

Janice Choate, assistant registrar, met

her husband, Dr. Phil Choate, associate professor of biology, in Singarama while they were both students at Lipscomb.

Professors are more than just scholars; sometimes they can be matchmakers.

Dr. Valery Prill, assistant professor or French, whose husband, Dr. Paul Prill, teaches speech communication, is respon-

sible for introducing "It's like living and another faculty couple. She was taking piano lessons from Dr. Jerome Reed, who had been a French major for his undergraduate Susan Farris, degree. Because of their mutual interest in French, they would sometimes go to see French films at Van-

> derbilt. The soon-to-be Kim Reed, who had contemplated a double major in piano at one time, was doing graduate work there when Prill introduced them.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Many faculty and staff members take advantage of tuition discounts by sending their children to Lipscomb. For marriedfaculty, it means having the whole family at one location.

"The proximity of the campus schools helps with scheduling and transportation,"Janice Choate said.

Parents are able to get to know their children's teachers, and having their kids on campus adds to the family atmosphere of the school, she added.

While there are advantages to having the whole family together, they all have a flipside as well.

"Staying at Lipscomb for an entire education will be insular," said Choate. "Being taught by friend's of one's parents can be daunting. Physical closeness to home is a limit of experience for college students. We try to let our children be as far away as they choose to be. However, I think it is interesting that our son, who just graduated, chose an apartment just across the street and is continuing to work for the school, at least for the present."

Since the whole family is in one place and has that one focal point, the challenge is to broaden one's view outside of Lipscomb, said John Parker.

Diversity is precisely the reason some parents choose not to have their children attend the campus schools. Although it was a difficult decision, the Reeds chose to send their daughter to public school so that she would be exposed to other schools and different types of people. They have not ruled out the possibility of her coming to Lipscomb at some point, but at least for now, her education will be elsewhere.

All other benefits aside, the best thing about working with one's spouse is, "getting to have lunch with your best friend everyday," said Jerome Reed.

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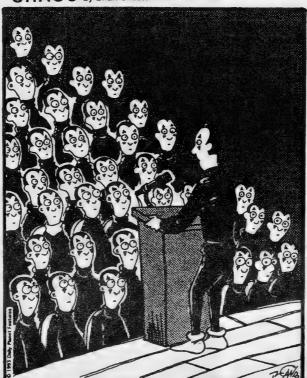
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Although they were once a thriving and populous species, a ruthless turn in evolution was causing the pop-ants to become extinct.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF

USING SPELL CHECK

Excitement had run high at the first annual mime convention. Yet, within seconds, an embarrassing silence filled the auditorium.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"I must confess, I never thought we would actually pull this off."

Solution to puzzle on page 11

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Lipscomb Faculty and Friends Series presents Chamber Music from the Governor's School Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Admission is free.

Tryouts for the Homecoming production of "Guys and Dolls" will be held Sept. 14. Call Dr. Brown at 2367 for more info.

Elections for Homecoming court will be Sept. 16. Intent to run forms are due in the Student Services office today by 4 p.m.

Major League Scout Day will be Sept. 17. Scouts representing most MLB teams will be on campus to evaluate talent.

Lipscomb University Community Chorus begins its second year Sept. 17. There will be an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the High School Chorus Room. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact Robert King at ext. 2541.

Delta Na Na Na will be Sept. 18.

Last day to drop classes with partial refund is Sept. 23.

Family Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 2-4. Activities planned include a President's Forum, a performing arts showcase and the dedication of the SGA sponsored Habitat House.

The Tau Phi Cowboy Show will be Oct. 2.

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We here at The Babbler hope you are enjoying the paper so far this year. But to help us better meet your needs, please take a moment to fill out this brief survey. (Yes, we know that it is very early in the semester and that this is a very unscientific survey.) We hope to conduct several more surveys this changes Thanks for your cooperation

semester in order to track reader responses. Thanks for your cooperation				
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Thanks again for you help. We hope to take these comments and use the	em in our ongoing remolding of	of the paper. We hop	e you will watch	n for our next

survey. And thanks most of for reading The Babbler.

Surveys can be returned to Box 4126 or dropped off at the Babbler office in the basement of Johnson.

Steve Shirley

Last week's results **Matt Baggett** Kim Chaudoin 8-3 Shawn McAfee 7-4















Jeremy Sowder 6-5 Andy Mankin 7-4	Matt Baggett "The New Guy"	Kim Chaudoin "Token Female"	Sean McAfee "The Mac"	Steve Shirley "The Boss Man"	Jeremy Sowders "The Kat"	Guest Guesser Brent High
Vandy vs. Alabama	Bama Big Tide win	Alabama Bama is a much stronger team	Alabama Tide looked good vs. BYU	Bama Vandy doesn't belong in SEC	Tide The school for the blind could beat Vandy	Alabama Another 'Dore prize for Air Bama
Georgia vs. S. Carolina	Georgia Bulldogs pull it off	Georgia Good game. Dawgs should prevail	Georgia No comment	Dawgs Pivotal game for both teams, UGA triumphs	Georgia Bulldogs prevail over Gamecocks	Georgia Champ Bailey earns name
Auburn vs. Ole Miss	Auburn Auburn wins SEC battle	Ole Miss Auburn is weak	Ole Miss Auburn offense has no punch	Rebels War Eagles look more like chickens this year	Auburn Tigers will destroy Rebels	Mississippi Tubberville kicks off candidacy for Gov.
Mississippi St. vs. Memphis	Miss. St. Lots of running yards	Miss. St. Miss. St. should win	Bulldogs Memphis is too horrible to pick	Miss. St. Tigers open 0-2 against SEC	Miss. St. They're hot	Bulldogs Sherrill enjoys probation-less season
Notre Dame vs. Michigan St.	Notre Dame Low scoring game	Notre Dame The Irish are back	ND Spartans over-rated in '98	Irish Golden Domers 2-0??? Who would've thought?	Notre Dame Notre Dame is back	Michigan St. I just don't like Notre Dame
Florida St. ys. N.C. State	FSU Blowout	FSU The Seminoles should win easily	Fla. St. Over in first quarter	Fla. St. Gotta be the easiest pick all year	Florida St. NC St. doesn't have a chance	Seminoles Weinke: 90mph fast-ball =many bombs
Syracuse vs. Michigan	Syracuse Air attack takes the win	Michigan Good game. 'Cuse is a tough team	Michigan Wolverines won't lose two in a row	Syracuse McNabb twice as good as Jackson	Syracuse McNabb for Heisman?	Syracuse McNabb early Heisman frontrunner
Texas vs. UCLA	UCLA Big win	UCLA UCLA should be stronger	Texas Longhorns pull off huge upset	UCLA Bruins throttle Ricky's Heisman hype	Texas What do surfers know about football?	Texas Ricky Williams sews up Propecia contract
Oilers vs. Chargers	Tenn McNair takes over	Oilers Oilers are strong this year	Tennessee Balanced running game subdues Chargers	Oilers Ryan Leaf, meet Kenny Holmes	TN Leaf will choke	Oilers Leafs always fall this time of year
Chiefs vs. Jaguars	Jacksonville Jags win big	KC KC looked strong last week	Kansas City Chiefs ride momentum from Oakland	Jags Who knows on this game?	KC KC is going to make a run for the title	Jacksonville Brunell picks apart weak KC secondary
Packers vs. Buccaneers	Pack Favre does his thing	Packers Go Packers!	Green Bay Bucs unimpressive against Vikings	Green Bay Lambeau too tough for Bucs.	Packers Favre is still on top of his game	Tampa Bay Go w/ Overton c/o '92 classmate Jeff Gooch

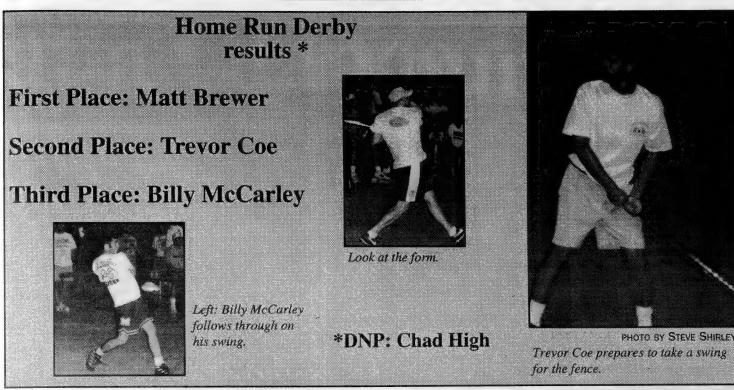
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Florida St. vs. N.C. State	1. All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 4
Syracuse vs. Michigan	p.m. except on the weeks with a Thur. night game when entries must be received by Thur. at 8 a.m.
Texas vs. UCLA	2. Only one entry per contestant per week.3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but
TN Oilers vs. S.D. Chargers	will only be entered into drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a
K.C. Chiefs vs. Jacksonville	coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
Green Bay Packers vs. Tampa Bay	Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records

Matt Baggett	7-4
Kim Chaudoin	8-3
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Lamont Walker with a record of 8-3.

Thanks for playing.



ESPN The Magazine making waves five months later

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. -- Flip to page 146 in the Aug. 24 edition of ESPN The Magazine and there he is.

It's the legendary Penn State coach Joe Paterno on the left side of the page sporting the typical JoePa attire -- tinted glasses, white shirt, crooked tie and cuffed blue slacks hanging well above a pair of Nikes.

But on the right side of the page, the coach, who is two wins shy of his 300th victory, appears in a sharp black suit with a cobalt blue shirt and a tie of the same deep

To top it off, Paterno is wearing a fedora straight out of a Blues Brothers' movie. Armani meet Sears -- it's computer wizardry at its finest.

The Paterno photo fun was part of "0:01," just one feature of the new magazine, which has steadily gained popularity since it was first released to readers in

ESPN The Magazine, which is released biweekly, has averaged 405,000 copies sold per issue since its inception. About 500,000 copies per issue are expected to be sold this month and about 700,000 per issue by January 1999. Circulation is expect to reach one million by the following year.

The new circulation numbers show that we have maintained the initial enthusiasm from the launch," said senior vice president and general manager John Skipper in a press release. "We continue to be pleased with the overwhelming response."

Locally, ESPN The Magazine also has been doing well.

Bill Reynolds, a manager at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, 124 S. Allen St., said the latest issue sold out and had to be reordered.

One reason the publication has received such popularity is its abnormally large size. Measuring 10 by 12 inches, it dwarfs Sports Illustrated and most other standard magazines that measure 8 by 10 and one half inches.

"The pictures are more compelling," said Kim Shapiro, public relations manager for ESPN. "The readers like the impact of the oversize."

The publication is the rapidly growing network's first use of print medium.

ESPN currently provides for its audience through ESPN, ESPN 2 and ESP-NEWS television stations, ESPN Radio and ESPNET Sportszone on the World

Mary Jo Haverbeck, the instructor for KINES 297F (Introduction to Sports Information), said ESPN The Magazine has gone in depth with its sports coverage in terms of its language, which she feels is more advanced than typical sports journal-

"You have to be someone in the inner circle to really understand some of that vocabulary," Haverbeck said.

The language is a result of the publication's quest to reach its target audience, which Haverbeck said consists of extreme sports fanatics.

Since its inception ESPN The Magazine has made some strong headway into the field of sports journalism, including the story about how former Connecticut women's basketball star Nykesha Sales may not have set the school's scoring record because of a scoring error.

A major focus of the publication has been placed on sports appealing to a younger audience, especially some of the extreme sports featured on ESPN 2, affectionately known as "The Deuce," which reaches out to the target audience of 18- to 34-year-olds.

Ryan Moore (senior-electrical engineering) subscribed to the publication last

"I like the photography and the articles are really good," Moore said. "I like it as much as Sports Illustrated."

Moore said "it's hard to tell" which magazine is better.

In addition, Manny Sidhu (senior-

management science and information systems) said he prefers ESPN's writing, but Sports Illustrated's photography. However, Sidhu said the photographs are more pertinent to the story in ESPN The Magazine, whereas Sports Illustrated looks for an unusual shot.

"If they are covering a game, they approach it a lot better than Sports Illustrated does," Sidhu said.

Although Sports Illustrated's approach is feature-driven, Sidhu said he reads ESPN The Magazine because it is better at analyzing games.

Both magazines, Sports Illustrated and ESPN The Magazine, have similarities and differences. Similar to Sports Illustrated's "Scorecard," ESPN The Magazine features "The Jump," a brief look at the wide world of sports. And similar to SI's "Letters" section, ESPN offers "The Post," a chance for fan feedback.

However, "The Post" contains a column on letters written to an ESPN television personality via SportsZone called "Hey Bristol," which refers to the network's home base in Connecticut.

"It's like cable television changed public television forever," Haverbeck said. "ESPN is really turning to find that sports groupie, and turn it into print."

Another way that SI and ESPN The Magazine are similar are their well-written stories and columns, Haverbeck said.

However, ESPN The Magazine offers some features that make it truly unique. For example, "Total Access" gives the sports enthusiast a behind-the-scenes look at the world of sports.

In addition, it also contains "Outtakes," a one-on-one conversation between an ESPN talk show personality and a sports superstar. The Aug. 24 edition gives a candid, yet, sarcastic look at Miami Dolphins' quarterback Dan Marino.

ESPN The Magazine has a cover price of \$2.99 and subscriptions cost \$25.96 for 26 issues. ■

The Sports Column

Big Mac Goes Yard

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. --61. A number that has not been spoken of in almost 40 years. The single most storied record in baseball lore has been equaled. When Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs in 1927, people said it would never be matched.

They had good reason, for he was The

But in 1961, a couple of New Yorkers decided to make a bid for the record.

The likely successor to The Babe was a young, strong centerfielder from Oklahoma. His since-retired No. 7 jersey on his back, he was simply known as The Mick. The kid was going to be the rightful successor to The Babe. A Yankee no less. The question wasn't IF he broke the record, it was WHEN he broke the mark.

But the Yankees had a hard-hitting outfielder from their Kansas City affiliate. Roger Maris had hung in the chase, consistently knocking out 10 or 11 bombs each month, staying in the race.

As the season drew to a close, both Mantle and Maris were closing in on the record.

As Mantle stopped at 54 homers, Maris kept going yard, nearing 60 as the 162-game season wrapped up.

The pressure against Maris was twofold. The New York fans wanted the record to stay with The Babe. But if it had to be broken, it was going to be by Mantle.

As Maris passed the 154th game of the season, people claimed that any record he set would be tainted.

Well, Maris hit home run number 61 on the last day of the 1961 season.

For 37 years, there have been attempts on the mark, no one closer than Mark McGwire's 58 last season. His 171 home runs over the last three years are more in a three-year span than anyone in history. Ruth, Aaron, Mantle, Foxx, Maris ... any-

Big Mac hit number 61 Monday, in the 141st game of the St. Louis Cardinals' season. He has completely obliterated any controversy about the validity of any record he sets.

We salute Mark McGwire and his new record, 62, 63 ...or wherever he finishes.

This editorial if from The Diamondback (U. Maryland)



Read the stories on the cross country teams on pg. 12.

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Thomas elected Homecoming Queen

Freshman class chooses four representatives

BY JOSH DANIEL STAFF WRITER

he freshman class elected four senators and the entire student body elected a Homecoming Queen in last week's elections.

The freshman class elected Pat Ford, Addison James, Lori Longhurst and Steve

Laura Beth Thomas won the election for Homecoming Queen.

The four freshmen wasted no time before jumping into their first SGA experience. All four attended the spiritual life retreat over the weekend.

SGA President Matthew McInteer got wanted to get involved and represent all



for the freshman class.



Ford

to know the four a little better since they

got elected and said that he thinks they

"They have a lot of energy," he said.

the four elected, said being involved with

SGA will allow her to make a difference

dent government," she said, "because I

Lori Longhurst, the only female out of

"I'm very excited about being on stu-





Longhurst



the awesome freshmen and be able to have a voice in all the activities and everything that's being planned for this year."

Steve Neil said that the SGA looked like an interesting place to get involved.

"I just felt like it would be a lot of fun to do stuff with school and be in on it and be included in everything," he said. "And I wanted to represent the fourth floor in High Rise."

Addison James said he is thankful for

the opportunity that he now has.

"I'm excited about being able to serve and represent the freshman class," he said.

Pat Ford plans to work hard for those who elected him.

"I just wanted to thank everybody in the freshman class for voting me in this position," he said. "My plan is to do the best job I can to represent you."

More than thirty students ran for election on Wednesday. The four senators were elected from eight in a run-off Thursday.

McInteer said the elections were successful for several reasons.

"I'm excited about the number of freshman we had who chose to run for the elections and the high voter turnout we had," he said.

Students build Habitat house





These Lipscomb students work to help build the Lipscomb Habitat house. Construction will continue over the next three weeks.

BY CHIRSTY JUSTICE STAFF WRITER

This weekend marked the beginning of construction on the Lipscomb University sponsored Habitat for Humanity

Students and faculty gathered

throughout the day to help build the house, which will be dedicated Sunday,

"The goal behind a Lipscomb University Habitat house is to have individuals from every aspect of the Lipscomb community come together to give something

(story cont. on page 3.)

Lipscomb students look to "The Long Run" at retreat

BY REGINA HAYES STAFF WRITER

ipscomb's Spiritual Life Retreat, appropriately titled "The Long Run", took place the weekend of September 11 through 13.

The retreat was aimed at promoting long-lasting relationships among students as well as closer relationships between individuals and God.

"The main goal was to get students ready for living a Christian life all year round," said Spiritual Life Committee member Kevin Duncan, "not just for the retreat weekend."

Dr. Mark Black was an inspirational speaker during the weekend. His talks were based on the needs of a Christian who desires "to make it in the long run."

"We talked first about the need to 'get to the wilderness' to practice spiritual disciplines of prayer, reflection, solitude, study, fasting, and the like," Black said. "We then talked about how real compassion is a necessary component of longterm service."

Those who were present said Black's lessons hit close to home.

Pat Ford, a student who attended the retreat, said that he was thankful for Black's direction and for the retreat in

"I found Dr. Black's speeches to be insightful and timely," he said. "They helped me to realize the things I want to implement in my own life in order to make 'the long run.' I am extremely glad to have been able to hear him and have been a part of the retreat itself."

"Dr. Black presented his speeches in a way that made sense, but that also made you step out of your comfort zone," added Duncan.

Because this was their first experience with a Spiritual Life retreat, those on the committee did not know what to

"The results were definitely as good as or better than we expected," Duncan

Black said, from the impression he got from all the students who attended, he thought the retreat was a success.

My first impression is that it went very well and that it was a great beginning for an all-school experience at the beginning of the year," he said. "The number of students there was impressive.

"If the numbers grow next year and the next, this retreat will become a powerful force on the campus of DLU."

Your World at a Glance

International

PAGE 2

Scientists are reevaluating the claims of India and Pakistan about the size and number of their nuclear tests earlier this year. It is likely that several of the claimed tests never even took place.

The Russian government is preparing to print more rubles to increase control on the market. There are concerns that this is action will cause hyperinflation though.

Japan is cleaning up after Typhoon Stella hit the coast Wednesday. With winds in excess of 65mph and waves as high as 23 feet, Stella caused millions of dollars in damage.

National

Aviation officials are reporting that the cockpit voice recorder aboard Swissair flight 111 stopped recording about six minutes before the crash. Without the data, crash investigators have no record of what the pilot and co-pilot said to each other after declaring an emergency to tower controllers.

A grand jury in Boulder, Colo. is looking into the Jon Benet Ramsey murder case. The child was found murdered in December 1996.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Nashville Predators coach Barry Trotz addresses his team before practice on Monday.

Local

More than 400 Williamson county school students were suspended from school Monday for failing to get required booster shots. Many area clinics ran out of the shots for mumps and measles under the flood of patients.

A citizens advisory board recommended that high-power transmission lines be built in the Battlemont area. The lines will run closely along I-440.

Mayor Phil Bredesen is scheduled to speak at the 23rd Psalm Coffee House on Tuesday. The mayor will take questions from the audience.

Business

The Nashville-based Corrections Corporation of America is named as the defendant in a \$110 million lawsuit brought by the widow of an inmate stabbed to death in a CCA operated prison in Ohio.

Flights resumed for Northwest Airlines yesterday after pilots ended their strike.

Analysts are predicting a slowdown in American buying habits. While the American economy remains strong, some economists point to the slowdown as the first sign that the spreading global financial crisis is moving to America.

Sports

The hype is at full steam now. With the UT/FL kickoff just two days away, fans of both teams are making their predictions on the game. Since the SEC went to divisional play in 1992, the winner of this game has failed to win the SEC championship only twice. Check out the predictions from *The Babbler's* experts on page 10.

Sammy Sosa is not out of the home run race just yet. Sosa caught up with McGwire at 63 homers apiece last night when he hit a grand slam. Both players have eight games left in the season.

The Tennessee Oilers kicked off their first season in Nashville Sunday. While fans were excited about the game, the Oilers' loss to San Diego left a sour taste for the 42,000 in attendance. Turn to page 11 for highlights of the game.

The Nashville Predators opened training camp Sunday. The Predators will head to Huntsville, Ala. for their first ever pre-season contest on Saturday night. Training camp will continue over the next several weeks. All practices are free and open to the public. Turn to page 11 for more reports on training camp.

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Construction to continue through Sept.

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back to others in the Nashville area," said Amanda Pyron.

Habitat homeowners must pass an application process and complete extensive service requirements before their home is built

"The part I enjoyed the most about working on the house was that the future owner was working right along side of me," said Jennifer Phillips. "I was able to see the excitement on her face as she saw her home being built."

Students who volunteer at the site will be able to participate in a variety of hands-on activities.

four skilled workers who divide the urday. These students hammer boards together. students into groups and assign tasks. Volunteers may do anything from laying a floor to roofing the house so it is best to be prepared for anything!

"It was wonderful to go out on a beautiful day and use the body God gave me to do something nice for someone else," said Matt Rehbein.

The home Lipscomb students are building is located on Glade Street, just off Trinity Lane. Construction continues over the next three weekends.

Each day is divided into two shifts, one beginning at seven o'clock and the other starting at noon and lasting until

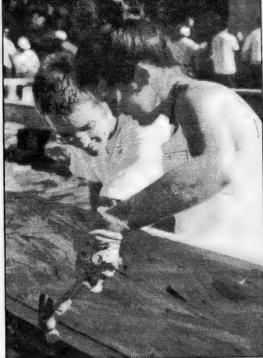


PHOTO BY AMANDA PYRON

The site is supervised by three or Students helped build the Habitat house on Sat-

Volunteers who work during the morning will be provided breakfast and lunch will be served to the afternoon workers. All meals are provided by Marriott and the SGA.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the building of the home and the dedication ceremony

Interested students should sign up in the Student Center. Also, students can all the SGA office for more information at

Participants should plan to meet at the SGA office thirty minutes prior to their scheduled time to arrange transportation and to travel to the site.

Lipscomb Connections seeks to increase community spirit

BY HEATHER ALTERI AND WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITERS

Student organizations are rallying greater campus community through a new

Lipscomb Connections is an organization that began in the fall of 1997, providing information on various campus clubs.

"It is an attempt for students to help other students," says Gayla Pugh, founder of the organization and director of the Office of Retention. "Everyone is targeted by this group. It serves everyone and everyone is welcome."

Lipscomb Connections helps get students out of their rooms and into lifelong friendships. By creating a comfortable atmosphere and encouraging involvement, students adventure off to find their place at Lipscomb.

According to Amy Muse, president of Lipscomb Connections, the club seeks to help students feel connected within the Lipscomb community.

"Connections is a ministry to the students," she said. "Basically, what we'll be doing is just talking to students and helping them to feel that Lipscomb is their family."

Lipscomb Connections attempts to inform students of their opportunities to get involved.

"Students don't know there are a lot of possibilities on this campus," Pugh said.

From academic and political organizations, to social, service and spiritual clubs, Lipscomb can accommodate all interests. It is the goal of Lipscomb Connections to help students find a club that matches their interests.

"Connections will work with the other clubs and direct the students into those organizations," Muse said.

Scott Gilmer, director of admissions, said Lipscomb Connections even helps to increase retention rates at Lipscomb.

"The more involved students are the more likely they are to remain until graduation," he said.

Pugh said her ultimate goal is for students to feel at home at Lipscomb.

"I have a passion for students to be happy here," Pugh said. She seeks to help render opportunities for students to become involved.

On Aug. 22 and 23, Lipscomb Connections worked with faculty and staff in helping students move into their dorms. The club also coordinated the organizational fair, created a club information tipsheet and conducts weekly meetings attended by all the connectors.

"We've got the best faculty, the best students, the best everything, we just need a stronger feeling of community,"

Any students wanting more information about Lipscomb Connections are encouraged to call Gayla Pugh in the office of student success.



PHOTOS BY AMANDA PYRON

Top: These TSU students were among the group joining Lipscomb students to build the Habitat house.

Right: Justin Robertson helps carry plywood before it goes up on the

Construction on the Habitat house will continue during every weekend in Sept. All students and faculty are invited to help. The home will be dedicated on Oct. 4.



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Delta Na Na Na turns 25

BY STEPHEN STURGEON STAFF WRITER

For 25 years, social clubs Delta Nu and Delta Sigma have been rocking the Lipscomb campus by bringing us Delta Na Na Na.

Delta Sigma's president Lisa Weems said that celebrating their 25th anniversary is "kind of a big thing for us."

Delta Na Na Na has been a musical journey from the 1950's through the 1990's, giving Lipscomb students a wide variety of music from each decade.

Last year, Delta Nu and Delta Sigma gave Lipscomb students a performance that few would soon forget. This year, they hope to top that performance.

"It's going to be a great show. We're excited about this," Weems said. "We just get up there and sing and have a good time."

"It's just something we have a lot of fun with. The students last year that went seemed to really enjoy it," said Delta Nu officer Chris Keyser. "It's pretty fun to tell you the truth."

This years finale will be "So Happy Together," which is also the theme for this year.

"It's us and our sister club, Delta

Sigma," Keyser said. "We've been doing it for a long time."

SGA, in an attempt to enrich campus life is sponsoring this year's Delta Na Na Na.

"It's a show that's open to all the students," said SGA president Matthew McInteer. "That's the type of thing that we like to encourage on campus, so we're helping them financially.

"We give them \$1,500 to help start the show and then any profit they make up to that they'll return to us."

Keyser said financing the show is a challenge each year. But by contacting businesses, the clubs are able to afford the production costs.

"We sell ads to get money so we don't have to pay for it our of our own pocket. We give out programs," Keyser said.

Delta Na Na Na will be performed on Friday September 18th in the Alumni Auditorium. It will be at 7:30. Programs will be handed out at the door.

Tickets are on sale in the Student Center through Friday of this week for only \$5.00 per ticket. For people who are in groups of ten or more, it will only cost \$4.00 per ticket. Tickets will be sold at the door for the same price.

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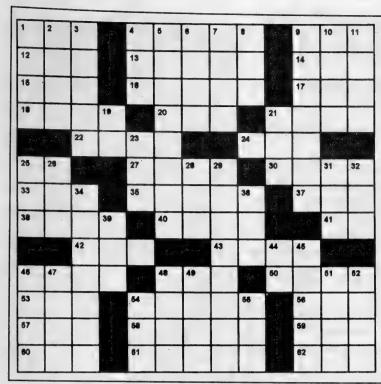
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"Well, this is where I say good-bye."

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"What? You mean all you've got in this whole place is apples? Well, I guess I'll have one of those then. How about you dear?"

PERSPECTIVES

Editorials

Lipscomb lives up to reputation

known as a school with a volunteer spirit. It is a reputation that should be worn with pride by all members of the campus community.

It is a reputation earned by being out front when volunteers are need-

When Hurricane Andrew hit Florida and Louisiana in 1992, Lipscomb played a vital role in the relief efforts.

The university served as the drop-off point for hundreds of boxes of relief supplies and care packages. Lipscomb students unloaded the trucks and trailers filled with packages from area churches and individuals.

Those same students then loaded the boxes into several tractor trailers for the trip to the affected areas.

Many of those same students even travelled to Louisiana over the Labor Day break to aid in clean-up efforts. Other students went to Miami during Spring Break to help in that clean-up effort.

The reputation was proven again in the efforts of Lipscomb students and faculty last April after a tornado ripped through East Nashville.

More than 100 students, faculty and staff organized to participate in an area wide work day. For more than six hours, workers helped clear storm damage from yards and a church.

These two examples are proba- ever imagine.

Lipscomb has always been bly the biggest efforts this decade, but they by no means summarize all of the efforts.

> Every Spring Break, dozens of Lipscomb students head to places like Mexico or Guatamala to help in relief efforts.

> Students regularly organize canned food and toy drives.

> Clubs participate in Inner City tutoring and Youth Hobby Shop.

> Social club members take orphans trick-or-treating or cook breakfast for residents at the Ronald McDonald House.

> Dozens of students roll up their sleeves each semester to "give the gift of life" during blood drives.

And in this issue of The Babbler, you can read about how students and faculty are helping to build a Habitat house.

The list just goes on and on.

So with all of these opportunities to get involved, there is no excuse not to. Take the time to find a place to volunteer and make a difference.

It may not seem like much at first, but with the combined efforts of just a few individuals, great things can be done.

So take time to contribute to a Lipscomb tradition. It doesn't necessarily take a great deal of time or effort.

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Tank you for you're time.

Sean Brown

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The Babbler regrets the error.

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Student Voices

What did you think of the Kenneth Starr's report to Congress.



Jay Priestly

I haven't read it yet. I'm going to download it later.



Christy Newberry

Some parts were in fact graphic, but it was aimed at finding the truth and if the truth is graphic, that's Clinton's fault.



Chris Keyser

I saw some excerpts of it. It was wrong what [Clinton] did, but who really cares anymore. Just let him serve out his two years and he's gone.



Heather McKinney

I'm glad it is finally about over because I'm sick of hearing about it.

Honesty lost in modern society

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. -- Every TV station, newspaper and magazine is covering the ongoing investigation of the president. The headlines tell of the Starr report, the White House rebuttal and the statements of important members of Congress.

A story on the public's reaction to the scandal inevitably accompanies all these headlines. Usually, the story says the public disapproves of the president's behavior, but still supports him as president.

I find it hard to comprehend that people continue to support the president after he lied under oath in a court of law. Because the economy is good and most people are doing well, the president's misconduct doesn't seem to matter.

Most Americans think politicians are dishonest anyway, so we shouldn't chastise

Clinton for being a normal politician. Most politicians are not dishonest and we shouldn't reward Clinton for being dishonest by keeping him in office.

America has become increasingly accepting of dishonesty and unethical behavior. You don't have to be particularly religious to know lying is wrong. But the public seems to think it is OK. Lying has become commonplace.

Recently, two prominent journalists were fired for violating the code of ethics of journalism. (Yes, a code of ethics does exist for journalists, but it is often ignored for sensational headlines.) One journalist created fictitious sources for a story, while another plagiarized a comedian's jokes.

Many athletes have been disciplined for cheating at their respective sports. Throwing games, shaving points and ille-

gal drug usage are becoming more prevalent.

Dishonesty has even infiltrated the halls of academia. Witness the need for statements on academic misconduct we all receive in syllabuses from our instructors.

It is almost as if humans are expected to lie and cheat. We shouldn't be expected to lie. I have faith in most people's ability to be honest. Except maybe President Clinton.

Dishonesty has become most prevalent in politics, not only because of Clinton, but because of a handful of other deviants as well. Why don't we seem to care anymore about honesty?

We have become apathetic. We have continually elected people like Clinton as our leaders. In the good old days, we were taught that cheaters never win. The good guy always won in the movies.

Today, however, it is possible for the cheater to become leader of the free world. It seems like only cheaters win. The honest man has become a chump.

We have let the importance of honesty be diminished. I think it is our duty to begin to reemphasize honesty and integrity as characteristics worth striving for.

I would be a fool if I thought that Clinton was the only dishonest politician. I know that even members of my party have lied to, or to borrow a term from the president, "misled," the public.

It is difficult to be honest and we all fail from time to time. However, we shouldn't let our failures discourage us from striving to be honest.

Aaron Cooper is a columnist for the *Oklahoma Daily*. (U. of Okla.)

Lessons from Monicagate

BY JAMES HAYES COLUMNIST

Kenneth Starr's report to congress last week shocked the nation.

It was shocking to read and even more shocking to

think these things could have actually taken place in the White House.

Even so, there may be some benefit to all of this. There are several lessons we can learn from the current White House scandal. Here's a few I've observed.

1) Tell the truth when you're asked a question – regardless of how personal the question-may be.

Obviously, this is easier said than done. No one wants to talk to a stranger about conduct he/she had worked so hard to hide.

I'm sure it was very embarrassing for the president to answer questions about acts that any decent human being would find disgusting and immoral (or should I say "inappropriate".) When you're under oath, you have to tell the truth, whether you like it or not.

This matter could have been resolved in January if the president would have admitted he had an affair with Monica Lewinsky, a subordinate employee, and apologized to the nation. He would have been an adulterer, but not a potential expresident.

An earlier confession would have also saved us from hearing about sordid sexual encounters from Dan Rather on the evening news, since Lewinsky would not have been called back to divulge all the gory details. Truth in the beginning, wins every time.

2) Don't make your friends do your

The minute Clinton shook his finger at the camera and declared, "I did not have

any sexual relations with that woman," he dispatched his cabinet and advisors to perpetuate this lie.

They had nothing to do with this matter, yet Clinton had no problem sacrificing the credibility of these innocent bystanders. He made liars of the very people that got him elected in order to save his own skin.

3) Don't blame the accuser.

During Clinton's explanation of events (I won't justify it by calling it a confession) on August 17, he attacked Kenneth Starr for dragging out the investigation and using \$40 million to do it.

Clinton did it again at a prayer breakfast Friday when, after another pseudoconfession, he said he would order his attorneys to vigorously defend him against these charges. You would expect this whiny behavior from a child, but not from the president. Starr didn't make him do this; Clinton chose to do this.

4) When you get caught, fix the

No matter how many times Clinton uses phony executive privileges, avoids questions and no matter how high his approval ratings are, at the end of the day, he still stands accused of perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power, all of which are serious crimes.

It will be up to Congress to determine whether these crimes fall under the heading "high crimes and misdemeanors" as stated in the Constitution. If so, Congress will be forced to proceed with impeachment hearings. If they don't, they will set a detrimental precedent for future administrations

There is only one logical conclusion for this issue. There is only one way to fix this problem.

President Clinton should resign. It would be in the best interest of this country. He started it; he should finish it.

"Oh what a tangled web we weave when we first practice to deceive." ■

Impeachment serious business

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The Starr report has finally been submitted to Congress and the public.

It is now up to the House Judiciary Committee to decide if an impeachment proceeding should begin.

The impeachment of a president is second only to war in scope of consequences. The very gravity of the situation demands prudence and thoughtfulness. We must consider several major factors.

The first of these is public opinion. Both staunch Clinton supporters and his most vehement enemies have been reverting to the polls to support their conclusions.

In a matter of such serious consequence, the polling system should not play a major role.

When answering polls, people can say reckless and irresponsible things, simply because they are not required to take responsibility or accept the consequences of their answers.

It would be careless for Congress to use poll results as a basis for action. The decisions that must be made by Congress in the coming weeks should not take public opinion into account.

The decisions should be based on the legal process set forward in the Constitution. Whether the president's approval rating is skyhigh does not affect the legality of his actions.

The speed of the impeachment

process must also be examined. A bipartisan effort must be made to make this entire proceeding move along quickly and without any political hitches.

Though the process should be done with all expedience, the decisions and actions must be thoughtfully considered.

It may be tempting for Republicans to use this process to weaken and embarrass the president while strengthening the Republican Party itself, but they owe it to their country and the international community to be expedient.

With the current economic crises in Asia and Russia, the world needs strong support from America. Indeed, there are many potential problems lurking other than financial ones (terrorism and nuclear proliferation, for example).

If Congress drags out the impeachment process, they will do America and the world a gross disservice.

The current crisis should not lead us to rash behavior. The process of impeachment is outlined in the Constitution to deal with situations like the one we currently face.

It is time to put aside political differences and work together to achieve a speedy resolution.

This editorial originally appeared in the *Daily Utah Chronicle* (U. of Utah)

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Coming Events

Major League Scout Day is today. Scouts representing most MLB teams will be on campus to evaluate talent.

Lipscomb University Community Chorus begins its second year Sept. 17. There will be an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the High School Chorus Room. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact Robert King at ext. 2541.

Delta Na Na Will be Sept. 18. This year's show is entitled "So Happy Together." Admission is \$5.

The Nashville Symphony's 1998-99 opening classical concert features Bagpipe March, The Spirit of St. Andrews and concertmaster Mary Kathryn Vanosdale on Sept. 18-19. The performances begin 8 p.m. in the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Jackson Hall each night. Tickets for Bravehearts and Bagpipes are available at a student rush ticket price, one hour prior to the concert with valid ID, for\$5.

Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music will host a solo faculty recital featuring pianist Amy Dorfman on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Blair Recital Hall. The performance is free. For more info, call 322-7651.

Last day to drop classes with partial refund is Sept. 23.

Family Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 2-4. Activities planned include a President's Forum, a performing arts showcase and the dedication of the SGA sponsored Habitat House.

The Tau Phi Cowboy Show will be Oct. 3.

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Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" student winner: Lamont Walker

Last week's overall student champion: Lamont Walker with a record of 7-4. Lamontis now 2-0 on the season against guest guessers and successfully defended his title as Overall Student Champion last week. Will anyone beat Lamont this week?

Oilers sell-out opener but lose to Chargers

BY PRESTON WILSON STAFF WRITER

Sunday marked the first game at home of the inaugural season for the Tennessee Oilers.

The anticipation flowed from Vanderbilt Memorial Stadium to the streets of downtown Nashville. The roar of the crowd was drowned out by the low altitude pass of an Air Force squadron.

John Carney opened the game with the kick-off to the Oilers. The Oilers, led by Steve McNair, marched down the field and scored an apparent touchdown on their opening possession.

But a holding call took away the touchdown to the dismay of the crowd. The drive stumbled and the Oilers were forced to punt.

Rookie quarterback Ryan Leaf led the Chargers with complete passes and the running attack of Natron Means. The Oiler defense held through the pressure and allowed only a field goal.

San Diego's defense guided by Junior Seau forced another Tennessee punt.

There was little that could be done to stop Means and the Chargers in their second drive. However, the stingy Oiler defense yielded only a field goal. The score stood at 6-0 San Diego.

The next drives from either team surrendered after forced to punt.

Tennessee got the ball back and drove down the field without the disappointment of the previous efforts. Eddie George carried the ball with greater success and McNair threw the ball hitting his receivers. Yancy Thigpen caught a critical third down pass to keep the drive alive. McNair finished the drive by throwing for a touchdown.

Tennessee went to the locker room with a 7-6 lead at the half.

The second half opened with a long sustained drive by San Diego. The Oilers held, forcing San Diego to try for a field goal. Carney's kick was partially blocked giving the ball over to Tennessee on their own 20

The Oilers could not go break free of the Charger defense. Seau and company held George in check.

The Chargers struck again in the third quarter ending on a Natron Means two yard run for a touchdown. The score is now at 13-7 San Diego.

Each defense held its opponent and ended any hope for the offensive explosion expected of Steve McNair. The fourth quarter brought little excitement until the two minute warning when Tennessee got the ball back deep in their own ten yard line.

McNair completed a key third down conversion to save the drive. At about the fifty yard line the wheels fell off the offense. A fourth down sack ended any hope for Tennessee fans. The inaugural game in Nashville was a disappointment for the Oiler fans.

The game showed fans glimpses of greatness in their team. There will come a day of that will ease this defeat.

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER I'm sitting in my d

I'm sitting in my dorm room Sunday, watching Sammy Sosa round the bases after his 62nd home run, and my roommate says something to me that really gets me thinking. "It's funny," he said, "no one even cares!"

The Sports Column

Sosa watching

He was right. Aside from Cubs' fans, nobody really does care. After all, the record has already been broken by the Man, the greatest of all time, the superstar...Big Mac. Yeah, Sosa is a good hitter and all, but hey, we're talking about Mark McGwire here, not some tag-a-long looking to spoil the moment for the rest of us. There's no way he can be as good as McGwire.

There was no ten-minute delay in the game for the fans to commemorate Sosa's feats. No commissioner, nowhere near 700 reporters, no Maris family, no Sports Illustrated cover...

I mean, when McGwire hit his 62nd, wow, now that was awesome. Everybody in America was glued to his seat. As for Sosa, where were you when you heard the news? That is if you've heard the news yet.

After all, Big Mac saved baseball. It was dead until he entered the picture. Sosa, although I will again say he is a good player, was merely there to compliment McGwire on his journey.

So what if Sosa is now tied with McGwire for the home run lead. He was tied with Mac on two other occasions, but always fell behind in the long run. And it doesn't matter if they walk McGwire a lot; Sosa is in the middle of a pennant race...they won't pitch to him either.

What the heck does Sosa do every time he hits a home run, anyway? What's with this "kissing his fingers" thing? He thinks he's so cool, like no one has done what he has. And what about after his 62nd? At least Big Mac had the sense to dedicate his knock to Maris and his son. Sosa, he dedicated his home run to...Mark McGwire? What is this all about?

Then again, it doesn't surprise me. This is coming from the same guy who called the home run chase "The Mark McGwire show." He said he "didn't want to get in the way." Of course, the only reason he said this was because he knew he was going to lose in the first place.

Let's face it Sammy, you're no Mark McGwire, so why don't you just stop trying to be. There is no way you will ever take the home run title from McGwire. He is too good and you...well you're just second best.

(Whisper...) What, Sammy just hit his 63rd? Oh, big deal, Mac is just teasing him...he'll hit two more in the next game.

(Whisper, whisper...) What? He's at 64? They must be pitching around McGwire. Those pitchers, they're all tired of getting embarrassed so they're walking him more.

(Hey!...Sosa just hit his 65th!!!)
Uh...don't worry about it. After all...no one really cares. ■

New sports features

The Babbler is planning to cover the Oilers and Predators this year.

While we may not be able to give you the most recent game summary, we hope to provide you with interesting previews and insights into the teams.

Check out this page for statistics for the teams and for reports and features on individual team members.

The Babbler, your source for information on Lipscomb and Nashville sports.

Predators open training camp

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There is some hard-hitting action on the ice at the Nashville Arena

The Nashville Predators, Nashville's expansion hockey team, began training camp Sunday.

All of the Predators players are in camp including David Legwand, the team's first ever draft pick and the second choice overall in the 1998 amateur draft.

With the mix of rookies and expansion draft picks vying for 22 roster spots, competition is fierce.

Many of the veterans in training camp came to Nashville through the expansion draft. Many of them feel they have something to prove to the NHL.

Most of the rookies are just trying to make enough of an impression to be remembered for next year. It is unlikely any player picked in the amateur draft will play in Nashville this year. Most will be sent to the minor leagues.



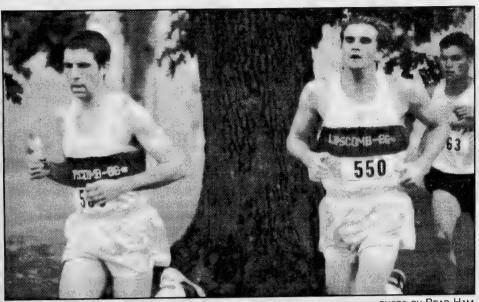
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Predators goalie Mike Dunham skates around the rink during warm-ups.

Predators info including rosters, practice times and pre-season schedules can be found on the internet at nash-nhl.com.

You can also purchase tickets online at this site and avoid Ticketmaster surcharges.

Bisons run at Sewanee meet



Matt Steidl (left) and Sean Boynes run neck and neck at Sewanee

Bisons finish fifth at Sewanee meet

BY BRAD HAM STAFF WRITER

On most weekends, you expect to see people strolling over the links of area golf courses with a golf bag in tow.

But this past weekend, one such golf course was covered by athletes from area colleges running along the marked path.

Lipscomb's cross country team was one of 11 teams running on the University of the South's golf course in Sewanee,

The Sewanee Invitational went well for the Bisons. They showed marked improvement from last week's meet.

"This was an excellent performance for the men," said Coach Lynn Griffith. "With five runners finishing under 30

Lady Bisons overcome injuries to finish 8th

by Chara Patterson staff writer

Running cross-country requires an enormous amount of patience, endurance, and discipline.

On Sept. 11, Lipscomb University's women's team once again proved they have what it takes to run.

Running at the Sewanee Invitational Saturday, the women's team managed to place eighth of 13 teams, even though their whole team was not in uniform.

Brittainey Burton missed the meet due to a virus and shinsplints sidelined Jill Hortman.

If the entire women's team would have run, "team place would have been higher," Coach Griffith said.

Sophomore Caroline Nelson and Senior Natalie Montgomery were neck and neck until the finish. They came out on top for Lipscomb at 23:03.

Beth Box, Mari-etta Mahaffey, and Natasha Patterson came within a minute of one another to finish under 25 minutes

minutes and having two more ready to break 30, it is reason to be excited about the team."

"We took the next step towards where we want to be at the end of the season," said senior runner Jeff Swindell.

Swindell finished on top for Lipscomb running the 8K in 29 minutes flat.

The team can't give up now because their season has just begun. They have to "take every practice seriously," said freshman runner Matt Hollman. "You'll run how you practice."

At the end, the Bisons pushed it in hard to finish fifth out of 11 teams.

This weekend the team doesn't have a meet, but they'll still be out there for those 6 a.m. runs. Their training will continue throughout the week.

Next weekend, the team will compete in the Vanderbilt Invitational at Percy



PHOTO BY BRAD HAM Natasha Patterson races for the finish line.

With the absent runners, "returning to the team [next meet], team performance should be improving," Griffith said.

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Volleyball:

Sept. 17 @ Lee 6 p.m.

Sept. 18-19 @Cumberland Tournament

Sept. 22 @ Union 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 Tennessee Temple 6 p.m. *

Softball:

Sept. 18-19 Lipscomb Fall Classic * Sept. 24 Columbia State 3 p.m.

denotes home game

Volleyball: it's all about sacrifice

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

As the Lady Bison volleyball team takes the court for the 1998 season, a few things are obvious about this team that may be different from teams before.

Most notably is the balance of this year's team, as the team's six starters make up the most experienced group to play for Lipscomb in its short history. Complimenting the starters are six freshmen and three sophomores, providing the Bison's attack with depth and skill.

"We have a very solid group returning," said Coach Jeff Spivey. "We lost our setter after last season, so now we are trying to adjust to our new one (Junior Angel Martin).

But as the team improved to an overall record of 5-1 with a win over Fisk Monday night, Spivey spoke of one setback that the Bisons are working quickly to correct.

"The only trouble this year is that we have a lot of middle hitters hurting, causing them to have to redshirt this year," he said.

Indeed, with three middle hitters and one defensive specialist redshirting, the Bisons now rely heavily on every member of the team to produce in a season following the best record in school history, 23-

The Bisons finished third in the Tran-South conference last year, and hope to improve that as they take on defending champion Lee University tonight in Cleveland. Their first home game is Sept. 24 against Tennessee Temple University.

Of all the team's characteristics, though, one that is sure to catch the eye of fans is the attitude they play with and the

"We are only allowed one and a half scholarships in this program," Spivey explained. "Mainly these girls play because they love Lipscomb and they love Volleyball.'

"I think we have more fun than schools with six scholarships," explained Senior Julie Wilkins. "We play because we love the game. Many of us were



PHOTO BY SEAN MCAFEE

Michele DeVries prepares to serve in the Lady Bison's match against Fisk.

offered more to play somewhere else, but wound up coming here."

Wilkins said that she has seen marked improvement in the team.

This program has improved 100% since I've been here," she said. "It's all about sacrifice, and we understand that we are the building blocks of the program. I hope that sometime down the road my kids will be able to come and receive more money than we do now."

Senior Ashley Webb can attest to that, having transferred from Stetson University, a Division I school, where she was on scholarship for volleyball.

The group of girls is a lot closer here," said Webb. "I get less money at Lipscomb, but I love the game and I love Coach Spivey a million times more than my coach at Stetson."

However, it's not only about fun.

"Having eternal life is better than any full ride or amount of money," said Senior Annette Painter, "It was God that put me Do you think you know all there is to know about college and pro football? Then try your hand at out-guessing Jon Lee on page 10.

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PHOTO BY LEISA WALKER

These members of Delta Sigma strut their stuff during Delta Na Na Na. The show celebrated its 25th performance Friday night before an excited and energetic crowd. You can read more about the show on page 4.

Regal Cinemas entertainment complex opens in Green Hills

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Lipscomb students will have another entertainment option tomorrow.

FunScape and Regal Cinemas 16 opens for business tomorrow.

The entertainment complex, located beside the Green Hills Mall, boasts a 16 screen theatre with arena seating, a food court, a two floor video arcade, a motion thrill ride, bumper cars and a Stop & Play area all under one roof.

For Lipscomb students, the opening of a state of the art movie theatre located in the Green Hills area has been a long time coming. Interestingly, though, Regal Cinemas is the same company that operates the Hollywood 27 theatre in the 100 Oaks area that opened less than a year ago.

But while Hollywood 27 may offer more screens, the FunScape complex offers a total entertainment package.

One of the interesting features of the complex for Lipscomb students is the large arcade complex Stocked with dozens of the latest in virtual



reality games, it won't be long before Lipscomb students run through rolls of quarters on the games

Another interesting feature of the complex is the three story Stop & Play area. Students will have the opportunity to team up with one another and challenge each other to battles with blasters that shoot hard foam balls.

Websense filters access to Internet

BY CLAIRE MOORE STAFF WRITER

Type www.sex.com into your internet server and you will receive a polite message telling you, "You have attempted to access a restricted site."

For a student at a Christian school to be denied access to a such a site is not unusual, but many would be surprised to go to our public library and be denied access to any website.

According to the "Child Protection Act of 1998" this may soon be the case. The bill requires that any elementary, secondary school or public library with internet access to install software designed to prevent users (mainly children) from obtaining any obscene information from their computer.

This bill is the second of its kind to go to Washington. The first bill, "The Communications Decency Act," was struck down by the supreme court in 1996 on the grounds that it was unconstitutional. The difference in the 1996 act and the 1998 one is that the earlier act outlawed all indecent communication online. The new act only deals with schools and libraries. The target is protecting children from any obscene words or pictures on the internet.

After the failure of the first internet bill, President Clinton issued a statement saying the administration remained firmly

committed to the provisions in the CDA.

"If we are to make the internet a powerful resource for learning, we must give parents and teachers the tools they need to

loading new sites that they have blocked.

Hood explains that clients of Webpartners, whether schools or businesses, can prohibit access to one or all of the 29 sub-

> ject areas offered by the company. The subjects from range "Adult Content" to "Travel" and from "Alcohol and Tobacco" to "Sexuality and Lifestyles."

> Clients such as Lipscomb can also select what hours of the day they want to prohibit access to these sites.

"A company may block the travel category because they don't want their employees planning their vacation during office hours," Hood said. "So they set the time constraints from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. so that after work, the employees could access the travel sites on the Web."

Lipscomb has no such time restraints. The university's system is monitored 24 hours a day.

According to the dean's office there have been very few complaints. Patrick Cameron attributes this to the fact that if a

student needs to access a site for a school related project, the student can call ISS and use the one computer on campus that does not have a filter.

However, Chris Petrakis, a Lipscomb student, said he was doing a speech on cigars and tobacco smoking and came to a blocked site.

"It was just too much trouble to go to ISS for access," he said. "I just gave up."

Though this may be the way many students feel, Hood said that if there is a legitimate reason for access then it is not complicated to be allowed to use the site.

Other students seem to be unaffected by the filtering system.

"I have never really had to do any thing for school that would have required a web site I couldn't use," Amy Galbraith said. "I never would have known the system was there if someone hadn't told me."

The Websense program also filters pages that can eventually lead to sites that the client has specified to be blocked. Therefore, news pages, sports pages and others like them may not be accessible to LU students.

What some students máy not know is that the Websense program makes a log of what machines and at what times a person tried to access a restricted site.

"The log exists, but I don't check it. I'm not the morality police," Hood says.

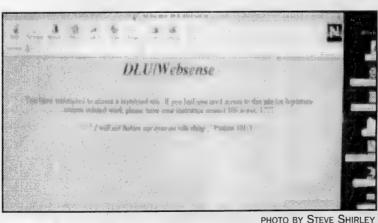


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

This is the screen that appears if a student tries to access a restricted

make the internet safe for children," he

There are now numerous types of software that parents can purchase to "filter" the internet for their children.

Lipscomb uses a program called Websense, produced by the Netpartners company. Dennis Hood, the Assistant Director of Information Systems, says that LU actually pays this company to look for obscene sites on the web. Since new web sites are appearing all the time, the company is constantly searching and down-

Your World at a Glance

International

The UN is looking at taking militry action in Kosovoto get Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop the slaughter before winter sets in.

Leaders from India and Pakistan are preparing to meet to discuss issues that have divided the two countries for years. Top priorities for discussion are nuclear proliferation and the Kashmir territories.

National

Southern Florida is preparing for Hurricane Georges. With a projected track leading to Miami and the Keys, Georges is threatening many of the same areas hit by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

The nation is still trying to digest the more than four hours of taped testimony from President Clinton shown Monday. Most political analysts feel the testimony only served to strengthen the opinions already held by the public.

The summer of '98 was brutal. More than 125 people died. Many areas of the coutry went weeks without rain. And farmers are projected to have lost more than \$2 billion in crop damage.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Dr. Briley's honors Hebrew history class figured out a unique way to get out of class for a few minutes. Paint the Bison!!

Local

The CMA awards were last night. The awards honor the top performers in country music. Read *The Tennessean* to find the winners.

Recent rains have led state authorities to soften the ban on outdoor burning. The ban was implemented after the some areas of the state went several weeks without rain.

Metro officers lied to suspects and searched their trash in order to gain information in the Vukelich drug case, a Metro officer testified in court Tuesday

Business

IPOs have virtually stopped recently amid the stock market volatility. Most companies are hesitant to offer stock options until the market shows some measure of stability.

Many Americans are taking advantage of low interest rates and overstocked dealerships to gain great deals on 1998 model cars. With the '99 models appearing, dealers are willing to make deals in order to clear showroom space for the '98s.

Check out *The Babbler* next week for a new business section.

Sports

Florence Griffith Joyner died from an apparent heart seizure Monday morning. Joyner, the triple gold medalist from the 1988 Olympics, dazzled the world with her recordbreaking speed and her flamboyount wardrobe. She was 38.

The Streak ended at 2,632 on Sunday. Cal Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record, took himself out of the lineup for the first time in 16 years in front of the home crowd at Camden Yards.

The monkey is off the back of UT. With their victory over Florida Saturday night, the Volunteers excorcised the demons of the past five years.

The Nashville Predators are undefeated in the preseason. After winning their first preseason game on Sat. night against the Florida Panthers, the Preds tied the Panthers on Sunday and the Dallas Stars on Tuesday.

Entertainment

The FunScape and Regal Cinemas 16 opens tomorrow night. The complex is located by Green Hills Mall near Ruby Tuesday's.

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Weapons's inspector: Iraq's arsenal still questionable

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. -- Iraq's weapons of mass destruction must be eliminated, said Chief Weapons Inspector of the United Nations Special Commission, Richard Butler in his speech Wednesday in Roanoke.

Butler said the kinds, sizes and numbers of weapons Iraq is devastating and therefore failure to get rid of them could be dangerous to the international community.

The Iraq case is the single most important challenge to the nonproliferation of weapons," Butler said in the Whitman Auditorium of Virginia Western Community College. "We sit here in peaceful Roanoke. We are on the verge of a potential crisis with Iraq."

Butler also answered questions pertaining to Clinton's personal affairs and said they were American domestic issues and did not distract the U.N. from doing its job.

Global proliferation of weapons is also a concern to Butler.

Ridding Iraq of weapons and of the mass destruction left over from the war should have taken six to nine months. Butler said, but so far it has taken eight years since the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Butler said five weeks ago in Baghdad, Tariq Aziz, an Iraqi ambassador imposed a demand he could not agree to.

Butler said Aziz told him he had one duty, which was to return to New York and tell the Security Council the inspections

"I said I couldn't do it. I didn't have the evidence," Butler said. "So he told us to

The Security Council adopted a resolution this week stating that Iraq was wrong in delaying inspections and that if it doesn't begin to cooperate the council will suspend any reviewing of the sanctions imposed in 1990. Butler said.

He then said that when the Iraqi government learned of this resolution, it quickly rejected it, and claimed that sanctions are too harsh and long.

Butler gave a brief background of the conflict between Iraq and the U.N. and said that Iraqi desperation for softer sanctions has caused the latest delays.

'Iraq has always had the ability to remove the sanctions by obeying the law; it has always had the key to the ignition," Butler said.

Despite the urgency and concern Butler has placed on the Iraqi conflict, he said the U.N. has done rather well, and a good portion of the weapons and long-range missiles have been destroyed.

On global weapons proliferation, Butler said in the last 40 years treaties such as the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the chemical and biological weapons conventions have worked to reduce the world's arsenal from 80,000 to 40,000 weapons.

"These weapons are immoral, wrong, illegal and can be contained," Butler said. "Most countries subscribe to these treaties, but Iraq is the most significant challenge to

"If we loose the Iraq case, Iraq's success in breaking international law would just be awful for the international community and the U.N."

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Homecoming Election Results

Congratulations to all the winners. Homecoming is November 14.

At-large Attendant ---

Delta Na Na Na rocks the Lipscomb campus

BY ALICIA MASTERS
STAFF WRITER

It was premiere night and, as the fans waited anxiously, the actors and actresses waited backstage with anticipation for the show to begin.

"Oh, I am really excited about it," said Chris Keyser, director of the 25th Delta Na Na Na. "I don't know how it's going to turn out becausewe were still working on it last night. Things weren't coming, but I am sure they will come out tonight. It always



PHOTO BY LEISA WALKER

does at the last minute.

"I am pretty confident about it."

Keyser was right that things did turn out alright.

The audience loved the show and the performers had fun putting on the show.

"I thought it was really good and really fun," said Angela Hickok. "I thought the songs were great and KISS was very funny."

Jacob Parker said he enjoyed the KISS rendition as well.

"I liked the KISS and La Bamba too," he said. "Juan Fernandez did a great job with La Bamba."

The crowd showed their approval throughout the performance.

When the band played "Ice Ice Baby," sung by Cliff Spencer, the crowd stood and cheered. And when Andy Broadway did his rendition of breakdancing, the crowd roared even more.

Even performance snafus couldn't dampen the excitement.

When Mary Kate Anderson forgot the words to "Closer to Fine," the crowd didn't care. They just cheered her on more.

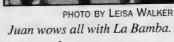
But the biggest ovation was for Brent Lily and his performance of "Rock-n-Roll All Night" by KISS.

The people stood and yelled. When the fireworks went off during the song, the

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"It was quite an experience," he said.

As the crowd dispersed after the show,
Keyser looked back at the performance and
smiled

"It was a good show," he said. "Last year was my first year doing the show and I think we just had a little more energy this year.

"Scott Perkins did a great job. And Brent Lily rocked."

"I don't know what other people think," Keyser said, "but I thought it was a great show. Maybe it was just because I was running it, but I was pumped."

After 25 years, Delta Na Na Na still gives its audience a good show. ■

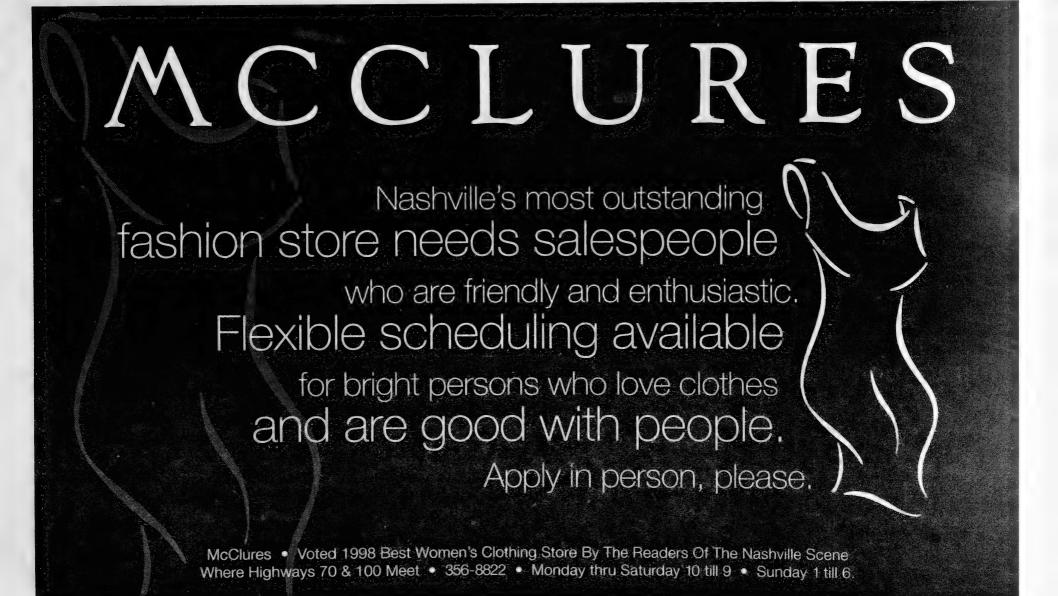
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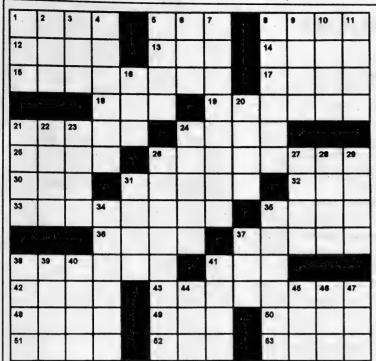
If your group is involved in a newsworthy event, let us know so we can cover it. If you know of a student who has an interesting story, tell us

The Babbler is committed to covering the events that affect Lipscomb, but we need your help to keep informed about everything going on.

Thanks for your help.







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CHAOS by Brian Shuster



Noah had the common sense, but Al had the business sense.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Well, I'll be darned! There IS a little beach right here in the jungle."

CHAOS by Brian Shuste



Well, normally I would just have it removed, but frankly, I'm kinda curious."

Editorials

Clinton's testimony: political lowpoint

That was it?!? That four hours of videotape was the big deal?

Congressional leaders should be ashamed of themselves for getting into a partisan battle over those four hours of testimony. What was the point?

"Congressional sources" whispered suggestions that the tapes would show President Clinton losing his temper, badgering the prosecutors and storming out of the room. The television news networks made it sound like this videotape would end the investigation once and for all.

Yet, all the testimony did was leave all parties feeling exactly like they did before the testimony aired.

Yes, Clinton was evasive. Yes, Clinton engaged in legal hair-splitting. Yes, Clinton used cop out answers like "I do not recall," "I can not remember" and "It was my understanding."

But did the videotape prove perjury? Not exactly.

Without all of the other information that Kenneth Starr has, it is impossible for anyone to prove that Clinton perjured himself. The entire testimony was so couched in legalees and lawyer talk that a Supreme Court justice probably couldn't figure it all out. So how could the average citizen wade through all of the legal arguements?

But while it is not possible for us to pass judgement on whether the president committed perjury before the grand jury, we can comment on the common sense of the president.

While Clinton may "legally" have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, it is almost certain that Clinton engaged in activity that most Americans consider sexual. Who did what to whom is not the point. Clinton acknowledged a "relationship." And since the White House spin doctors haven't disputed Monica Lewinsky's version of this "relationship," most of the world has a good idea of what

that "relationship" entailed.

So where does that bring us? It brings us to an impass. We have to wait for Congress to wade through Kenneth Starr's report. Then the Judiciary Committee will have to decide whether to recommend impeachment hearings to the House. Who knows how long it will all take. We will just have to wait and see.

Until then, take a few matters into your own hands. For those who are registered to vote, call your Congressperson and tell him or her what you feel. Call your local television station and tell them if you feel that they have crossed the bounds of good taste in their reporting. Write a letter to the editor of any newspaper sharing your views with other readers.

Basically, take advantage of your rights as an American and express your opinion in all applicable venues. This matter is to be tried in the court of public opinion and in that regard, we have all the power.

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To submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BAB-BLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number.

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Special contributors to *The Babbler* will be used throughout the year. If you wish to write a special column, call 1829 and ask to speak with the editor.

All columns are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The Babbler* or Lipscomb University.

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This paper is not the cheerleader for Lipscomb athletics. It is not *The Babbler's* responsibilty to trumpet the teams.

However, this paper would be remiss if it didn't do the job of informing this community of the teams that represent Lipscomb.

This week, Sean McAfee wrote about the Lady Bison volleyball team which has gone 10-3 while yet to play a game at home. These ladies deserve the support of a large crowd at their opening game tonight. They have played before the hostile crowds, now let's give them a home court advantage.

The Lady Bison softball team has looked impressive in their fall season before the real season begins in the spring. But this team does not have the crowds that a top ranked team should probably have. The team plays their last home game of the fall today. Go out and support them.

The baseball team, while not playing a fall schedule, does have an intrasquad scrimmage scheduled for next weekend. A nice October afternoon watching a friendly game of baseball sounds like a good way to spend an hour or two.

And even the cross country teams have a "home" meet coming up. Take the opportunity to see some of Lipscomb's most dedicated athletes.

Lipscomb athletics are some of the most decorated teams in the country. It would be a shame for them to not get the recognition on their own campus.

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Student Voices

What did you think of President Clinton's taped testimony?



Joe Carr

I believe he needs to be held accountable for factual events since he has been placed in an authority position.



Anna Huber

He seemed like he was pondering his words too much to be simply telling the truth. It was like he was trying to remember what he was told to say.



Andy King

I didn't watch any of the testimony because Superfriends was on the Cartoon Network. The news, however, madeit look like he was guilty.



Aron Wright

Clinton is making our country look immoral. A leader should be a good role model.

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Opinion: Print journalism equals real news

have been warned that print journalism is on life support. In the face of television's "breaking news," the old, three-section newspaper is apparently waging a losing battle for the attention of Mrs. Jones and her 2.5 kids. The Cadillac of news media is being overrun by the turbo-charged WISH-TVs of the news world.

Save this copy.

Fifteen-second sound bites and oncamera banter doesn't get my ticker tickin'. The indescribable scent of fresh ink on newsprint, a screaming 48-point headline, a challenging crossword, an inspiring editorial and the rustle of turning pages does.

Call me old fashioned. Call me sentimental. But I can't bring myself to pull the plug on newspapers.

Newspapers are accused of being dull and static in the face of television's highresolution images and "on-the-hour" chatter. I have yet to hear a poorer argument. Consider Herb Caen's three-dotted eulogies for his "Baghdad-by-the-Bay," Art Buchwald's political humor that has Capitol Hill quaking or Mike Royko's biting sarcasm, sharper than a Swiss Army knife. The closest television has come to these literary Picassos is Andy Rooney on "60 Minutes." Unfortunately, his whiny voice makes Bob Dylan sound like Boyzone.

The newspaper is a juicy T-bone steak

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- I for the mind. "This era is about massive data transfer," said USA Today publisher Thomas Curley. "Nobody is in a better position to analyze it, put it in context and shape it than newspapers."

The 6 o'clock news on the Peacock network is pre-chewed baby food. Like geriatrics in intensive care, we are fed intravenously with images and pretty graphics. No thinking, no bother. Concentrate on the pepperoni pizza instead.

CNN, that mother of all news networks, has displayed the imagination of a brick wall in its own "four-year, \$40 million" investigation of the president. Taking a page from the National Enquirer Code of Ethics, CNN has broadcast every halfwhispered rumor. Thank goodness for

As for news credibility on the boob tube, do TV correspondents even know what they read? CNN's Peter Arnett certainly doesn't. Not too long ago, Arnett, a correspondent, involved in the controversial "Tailwind" story about the alleged use of nerve gas by U.S. troops in Vietnam, pleaded to just reading work prepared by others. He insisted he had contributed "not one comma" to the story. What kind of correspondent does that make Arnett?

TV news is like a Big Mac - more mayonnaise, less meat. Those "coming up next" news specials appear downright earth

shattering. Not wanting to miss a nanosecond of the special, you hold off on the bathroom visit. After 10 agonizing minutes of used-car salesmen yelling at you, the anchor reappears with a fresh coat of antismudge mascara. But before you can say Christiane Amanpour, that "big story" is over. Of course, transcripts are available on request. Dan Rather promised you the story of the decade, and all you got were gall

Yet, the ulcer killing the print media is being fed by the changing culture in newspaper newsrooms. Faxes, e-mail and threeway conference calls have made walking the beat, climbing stairs and knocking on doors unnecessary for reporters. Shoe leather journalism is out. Armchair journalism is in. After all, Guccis are too expensive to waste on pounding the pavement.

Each day, another community newspaper is nudged off the news stand, as Mr. Smith prefers watching "World's worst police chases" on the DUMB-TV network to reading Abe Rosenthal.

Will our legacy be an educated society, a generation that isn't too lazy to read? Or one of remote control-stabbing couch potatoes? You have 10 seconds to decide, while Tom Brokaw powders his nose. ■

Urvash Karkaria is a columnist for the Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

Road trips and the rules of "shotgun"

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. --The road trip. That glorious tradition that allows us to emancipate ourselves from the regularity of where we stand. Can there be anything more important to one's mental health than the ability to get the heck out of Dodge every once in a while?

But a road trip is nothing without a few close, insane friends. The kind of friends who'll help pay for gasoline. The kind of friends who'll snap you out of the trance induced by hours of continuous driving. Perhaps most importantly, you need folks who appreciate the peculiar nature of road trip dining. In my experience, food acquired on the road usually falls into two categories: "fast" and "frightening."

"Fast" is easy to find. Places like McDonald's ("Did somebody say McDonald's?"), Burger King ("Home of the Whopper") and Wendy's ("Ooh! I can actually feel my arteries clogging.") offer a smorgasbord of healthy, delicious meals and endless choices.

Say you want ... hmm, I don't know ... greasy meat pressed into convenient "patty" form. You can get it at ANY of these three "restaurants." Amazing!

As for the "frightening" food you'll find along the roadside, try Stuckey's. I think a few still are scattered along the East Coast. How they stay in business is anyone's guess, but I suppose the demand for a salad bar whose primary offering is orange Jell-O with marshmallows still is strong.

Another disturbing fact about Stuckey's (Question: Who on earth was Stuckey? Can you picture a guy named Stuckey? I think I can, and it's not a vision that inspires me to eat.) is that you can get seafood at any of its locations. I was on an overnight drive through Ohio (state motto: "Almost as fun as flossing.") when my comrades and I happened upon a Stuckey's. To our shock and dismay, that night's special was oysters. Mmm ... a plate full of central Ohio's finest fruits of the sea.

Above and beyond the issue of road food, is the "sticky wicket" of the "shotgun" seat. For those of you not familiar with the concept, theory and practice of shotgun, here is a brief primer:

When three or more persons are included in a car trip, one of said persons (other than the driver, whose seat is assured) must express his or her desire to ride in the front seat (i.e., the "shotgun" seat, "riding shotgun," etc.) by yelling "SHOTGUN!" before anyone else. This seat is desirable not only for its comfort, but also its view and, in two door cars, its access to the win-

During one of my latest excursions, I found myself with a grand total of five occupants in my two-door jalopy. With the prospect of being one of the three to occupy the back seat looming large over their heads, my passengers engaged in fierce combat for the shotgun position.

Two things came out of this experi-

ence. Firstly, a man lies dead following what historians are referring to as the "Shotgun Massacre."

All right, all right, that's a bit of an embellishment. Actually, no one is dead. Sorry. But in a public service effort to help stop the violence, I have attempted to codify the rules of shotgun. Submitted for your

THE RULES:

I. Thou shall wait until ye is in sight of the car before calling "shotgun."

II. Upon calling "shotgun," one may call "golden." This means that he or she will have the seat for the duration of the trip. (One way only! The return trip is entirely separate.)

III. Nobody deserves shotgun. It doesn't matter if you've been riding in the trunk, . or if you weigh 500 pounds and can't fit in the back seat. You don't call shotgun, you don't get shotgun.

IV. In the event that two or more people call "shotgun" at the same time, the front seat shall be awarded to the winner of "rock, paper, scissors." Or a fencing duel.

V. A sitting shotgun holder only shall be removed through a lengthy, embarrassing investigation culminating in formal impeachment proceedings by the U.S. House of Representatives.

And there you have it.

Luke Strosnider is a columnist with The Hatchet (George Washington U.)

The Religious Right Column: He's still the same

BY BRETT HARRISON COLUMNIST

My younger brother will probably be leaving for New Jersey about this time next week. He finally signed all the papers and finished all the tests for the Coast Guard, and they'll be coming to get him soon. It's hard for me to believe that he's already graduated from high school and turned nineteen in August.

August would have been two and a half years that I'd dated Amy if we were still together. She was my girlfriend while I was at Auburn, and we quit dating before I transferred to Lipscomb. It seems like just yesterday that we were going home to visit my mother. My mother really like her a lot; I guess that's why it was so hard for her to tell me about the engagement--I wonder why it was so hard for me to hear.

All of my friends back in Auburn showed up today for their first day of fall classes. I wonder when the boys on the football team are gonna show up for their first day of football? There's been no sign of 'em yet this season. But I miss it anyway. I can still hear the crowds cheering and my roommates yelling, and ... well, it makes me wanna go home.

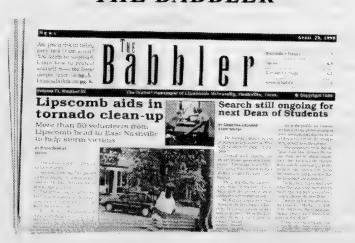
Everything's changing. Is anything ever the same?

God is. I think back to the Christian band I played in while I lived in Auburn. I really miss the guys and the music, because they're gone now. But the meaning behind the lyrics is still here. I think of this one song we wrote called, "The Same." It was from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." In this world of constant changing, the only constant besides the changing is Jesus. No matter how far away my brother is living or what school I'm going to, Jesus is still the same.

He's still the same Jesus that "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped" and came to earth as a man. He's still the same Jesus that was "about his father's business" in the temple at age twelve. He's still the same Jesus that spent the night in prayer pleading with his father. He's still the same Jesus that showed his love for people by healing them and being among them. He's still the same Jesus that let that same love drive the nails through his hands and into the cross. And he's still the same Jesus that rose again after three days so that we can one day rise again and live with him.

Is anything ever the same? I can only thank God that He is.

ALL I REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM THE BABBLER



Sleep is overrated. Believe nothing, verify everything. Know your sudience. Spell check is your friend. Attribute, attribute, attribute. Doe't reglect your schoolcord. Start before deadline. Sleep is really overrated. High tech isn't always the best way, but it sure is great to have that option. Save often Get it right...the first time. MAN CAN LIVE BY PIZZA ALONE. Second place is just the first loser. Sleep, while it may be overrated, is a necessary evil. Carpe Diem????

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Family Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 2-4. Activities planned include a President's Forum, a performing arts showcase and the dedication of the SGA sponsored Habitat House.

The Tau Phi Cowboy Show will be Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. Admission is \$6.

SGA Bowling night is planned for Oct. 9. Call 1831 for more info.

The Nashville Predators open their inaugural season Oct. 10 against the Florida Panthers at 7 p.m. in the Nashville Arena.

The Fall Revival is scheduled for Oct. 12-14.

Lipscomb University Concert Band presents its forcert on Oct. 12 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

Lipscomb University Jazz Band presents its fall concert on Oct. 20 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

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Games of the Week

Last week's results

Matt Baggett Kim Chaudoin 10-1 Shawn McAfee

Steve Shirley Jeremy Sowder 7-4





Kim Chaudoin





Steve Shirley



Jeremy Sowders



Brent High 8-3	"The New Guy"	"Token Female"	"The Mac"	"The Boss Man"	"The Kat"	Jon Lee
Kentucky vs Florida	Florida High scoring game. Johnson/Palmer dominate	Fla. Will be an offensive battle	Fla. Florida rebounds big after UT loss	Gators Tim will wish he never got off his couch	Fla. Kentucky is overrated	Gators Florida defense will sit on Couch
Ole Miss vs.	Ole Miss SMU has no chance	Ole Miss Rebels continue to be strong	Ole Miss Mississippi too much for SMU	Rebels Does anyone else think this is a sorry game?	Mississippi It's a toss up	Ole Miss SEC too tough for WAC
Alabama vs. Arkansas	Alabama Tide Rolls	Bama The Tide should outlast the Hogs	Alabama ROLL TIDE!	Tide Dubose has righted the ship at Bama	Alabama Tide will roll	Bama The Tide is back
Miss. St. vs. South Carolina	Miss. St. Bulldogs go to the air	Miss. St. SC looked weak against Marshall	Miss. St. Who cares???	Bulldogs Brad Scott is looking at a long year	South Carolina Gotta go with the Gamecocks	Miss. St. Tailback James Johnson too much for SC
Mich. St. vs. Michigan	Michigan Wolverines win Big	Michigan Wolverines are a tough team	Michigan State Spartans send Michigan to 3rd loss	Spartans Wolverines have problems this year	Mich. Big time rivalry, anything can happen	Michigan Somebody has to win it
Washington vs. Nebraska	Nebraska Huskers Roll	Nebraska No contest	Nebraska Husker line too much for Washington	Huskers What do they feed those boys in Lincoln?	Neb. Nebraska is #1	Washington Brock Huard makes Heisman statement
USC vs. Florida St.	FSU Low scoring game	FSU Look for 'Noles to be back to true form	Florida State Seminoles tired of los- ing	Seminols But they looked BAD last time I picked them	Fla. St. It's going to be close	Florida St. NC State was wakeup call for FSU
UCLA vs. Miami	UCLA Bruins win þig	UCLA Bruins are looking good!	UCLA Canes lose second game in row	Bruins McNown builds his Heisman hype	Miami Hurricanes are better	UCLA Bruins national title darkhorse?
Jacksonville vs. TN Oilers	Jacksonville Oilers choke	Jaguars One of the best in the NFL right now	Jax Jaguars give Oilers more problems	Jaguars Loss of "Little Man" hurts but Jags still win	Jacksonville Oilers are struggling	Jacksonville Using Vandy stadium is bad omen for Oilers
Raiders vs. Cowboys	Cowboys Garrett pulls it off	Raiders With Aikman hurt, Raiders should win	Dallas Never bet against the Boyz	Raiders How the mighty have fallen	Dallas The Raiders couldn't beat Vandy right now	Dallas Jerry Jones vs. Al DavisBarf!!
Seahawks vs. Steelers	Seahawks Moon's experience pays off	Seattle Seattle should prevail	Seattle Seahawks improve to 4-0	Steelers Who cares???	Seattle Moon is on fire, Bettis is struggling	Pittsburgh Cowher Power! Seahawks return to earth

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Contest Rules

- 1. All entries must be received by The Babbler by Fri. at 4pm
- 2. Only one entry per contestant per week.
- 3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but will only be entered into final drawing one time.
- 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
- 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.
- Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records

Matt Baggett 21-12 Kim Chaudoin 23-10 Shawn McAfee 20-13 **Steve Shirley** 24-9 Jeremy Sowders 19-14

Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" student winners: Chad Oakley David Parker

Last week's overall student champion: Chad Oakley with a record of 10-1.

Intramurals Independent League

Thursday Night Sept. 17

Ducks 22

Whitt's 12

Mayhem 1

Hitmen 8

Big Orange 25 Confusion 3 Jumanji 12 Whitt's 11

Monday Night Sept. 21

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Bad News Bears 17

Rotar Girders 19

Bayside High 3

PEZ 9

Tuesday Night Sept. 22

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Grub Doctors 11 Big Red 9

Preemptive Strike 25

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Social Club League

Tuesday Night Sept. 22

(Make-up game)

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Watch for intramural scores here each week.

A look at the sports scene



STEVE SHIRLEY
COMMENTARY

Kidder, where are you man? This was your chance to shine. Oh well, I guess I will cover for you.

And what a week to do so. So without

further ado...

■ HOW BOUT THEM VOLS!!!

After five years, the Big Orange finally chomped the Gators for a change. I only wish I had left my wife at home and gone with my brother to see the game. I don't think he has recovered yet from the experience.

The thing I am enjoying the most about the whole thing is listening to Gator fans spouting the same excuses Vol fans have been saying for five years: If we hadn't turned the ball over...We outpassed you...The better team didn't win...Just wait till next year...

I love it!!!

■ While we are on the subject of college football, what is up with Vandy?!? Get out of the SEC if you can't compete any better than that. Bring in Southern Miss over the Commode-dores.

And who did Woody think he was fooling when he said the defense wouldn't miss a beat this year. Hello!! You lost four

players to the NFL!!

■ And lets talk about some other college topics. Tim Couch--Gators will prove his Heisman hype is just hype; Ricky Williams--Heisman stats only come against the weakest of the weak; Kansas St.--Play somebody good already!! Their strength of schedule is the 140. (Tops is UT's.); Lady Luck is favoring new teams this year. Watch out Michigan fans, the

Wolverines may not finish above .500; Donovan McNabb deserves the Heisman. His team may not lose again this year.

■ I hear there is a NFL team playing at Vandy these days. If there is, I haven't seen them and I probably won't ever. There is only one Tennessee football team and they play at Vandy on Nov. 28.

■ Why does Nashville have an HFL team in the first place. This is college football country. Faced with an ultimatum, most people would rather make the drive I-40 to the Mecca rather than go to an Oilers game. If you don't believe me, watch the Oilers' game Sunday and count the empty seats. My bad, there blackout because the game hasn't even sold out Vandy stadium.

Now I do have proof that there is an NHL team and they look good. Someone must have forgotten to tell the Preds that expansion teams aren't supposed to win games, even preseason ones. And that alleged NFL team should take lessons from the Preds concerning customer service.

Two weeks ago, I was all wrapped up in the home run race. But then I realized that it was still baseball. Baseball was exciting for about one week but now it is back to the boring old game.

■ It was horrible to read about Flo-Jo's death Monday. It was even worse to read old allegations about drug use. The woman just died folks. Do you have to walk on her grave already?!?

How 'bout the volleyball team. Talk about your frequent driving miles. It must be rewarding to go into the oppositions home arena and beat them. I hope Lipscomb supports our team now that they are finally coming home.

■ Well, there you have it. My thoughts about the sports landscape. I hear The Babble is looking for someone to take over this column

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Volleyball:

Sept. 24 Tennessee Temple 6 p.m. *

Sept. 25 @ Williams Baptist 6 p.m.

Sept. 26 @ Lyon 11 a.m.

Sept. 29 Trevecca 7 p.m. *

Softball:

Sept. 24 Columbia State 3 p.m. *

Sept. 29 @ Vol State 3 p.m.

Cross Country:

Sept. 26 Commodore Cross Country
Classic - Men 9 a.m.
Women 10 a.m.

denotes home game

Players deal with travel challenges, look forward to first home game

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

Thus far, the Lady Bison volleyball season has been, in the words of the Beatles, "a long and winding road."

The Lady Bisons have compiled a record of 10-3, with none of the matches played at home. Relief is finally in sight for the Lady Bisons as they play their first home game tonight against Tennessee Temple at 6 p.m.

"Temple hasn't been very good in the past," said junior Annette Painter, "but supposedly they got some new recruits and are better this year. So we are going to need to step it up against them."

The home crowd is something the girls are really looking forward to, especially after the crowds that came to see them last year.

"My freshman year, the only people that came to the games were parents who were in town," said senior Julie Wilkins. "My sophomore year, we were able to get some of our roommates to come, but it was a lot of the same.

"But last year, the Bison basketball team got word of our games and started coming. They really whooped it up and the refs even had to stop the game to quiet them down sometimes." The home games won't last long, however, as the Bisons go back on the road for seven of their next nine matches.

"This whole being on the road thing is getting really old," said senior Ashley Webb. "There are only about two places that are even within half an hour of Lipscomb, and we sometimes have to miss classes to get to the games on time.

"I think I missed five classes last week because of games we had. It's especially tough when you have the same class on Thursday and Friday and have to miss them both days."

"As an athlete, it really makes you learn to prioritize your time," said Wilkins.

The Lady Bisons are ranked third in the TranSouth conference, behind Lee and Union Universities.

The team's most recent match resulted in a second place finish at the Cumberland Tournament in Lebanon, a tournament many of the players still think they should have won.

"We had already beaten the team that won," said junior Joani Wohlfeil. "But when we played them again, we didn't play as well."

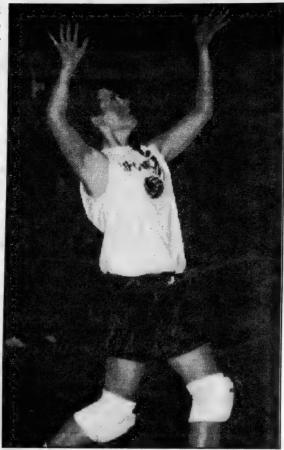


PHOTO BY SEAN MCAFEE

Wohlfeil. "But when we played them again, we didn't play as well."

Julie Wilkins focuses on the ball while serving against Fisk University.

Do you love to talk about sports?

Then you may be the person The Babbler is looking for.

The Babbler is looking for sports columnists. By yourself or teamed up with a friend, here is your chance to write about anything sports related.

You don't need experience. You don't have to be a journalism student. You just need an opinion. (And you know about opinions and bellybuttons...)

If you are interested, call Matt Baggett at 1829 or drop by *The Babbler* office in the basement of Johnson.

Softball team takes Lipscomb Fall Classic

BY DERRICK BRAUHAM STAFF WRITER

The Lipscomb University softball team welcomed NCAA Division I programs Belmont and Tennessee Tech to the Lipscomb campus this past weekend.

But the Lady Bisons showed little hospitality to their guests as they captured the Lipscomb Fall Classic championship.

"We were very proud of our players by the way we played this weekend," said head coach Andy Lane. "This tournament was a total team effort. "

After playing a round robin format, the Lady Bisons took on Tennessee Tech in the tournament championship game. The Lady Bisons took the trophy with a 3-1 victory.

Freshman pitcher Shelley Kirk shut down the Lady Eagles by giving up only 1 run on two hits. The Lady Bisons were led in hitting by Rachel Mattson, Kelli Dobbins, Amber Purtell, Jamie Gleaves, Emily Rauschenberger, and Erin Hall.

And if the Lady Bisons weren't hurting the opposition with their bats, they were beating them with their speed. Emily Pearman scorched her opponents this weekend by swiping 7 bases.

"We had so many players that stepped up when we called on them," Lane said. "The fall is a good time to have our players begin to play together and jell."

Lane said that he thought that he feels that this team has a great deal of potential. He said it may even be better than last year's team that finished ranked fourth in the nation.

"This team has a chance to be very special," he said. "We have a great deal of talent and if they work hard and play together I really think they have a chance to do something special."

Lipscomb hosts Columbia State in a game today at 3 p.m. The game will be the last home game for the Lady Bisons of the fall season.

The team will travel to Gallatin on Tuesday for a game against Vol State. The team will then play in the MTSU Invitational next weekend.

The team will then take a break before beginning play in the spring season at the Coca Cola Classic in Jackson on Feb. 26-27. ■

The Sports Column A Few Good Men

All we hear about on the news anymore is about things like Woody Harrelson being arrested for growing marijuana or the president having an affair. (No, this isn't going to be another writer bashing the president.) Lost in all



Matt Baggett Sports Editor

president.) Lost in all of this has been the good men of baseball.

First, we must consider the Ironman of sports: Cal Ripken, Jr. He played in 2,632 straight baseball games. What this shows is dedication. He plays hard. He plays clean. And, as it turns out, he plays well.

Cal Ripken isn't like the Griffeys or Piazzas of the baseball world. He doesn't have one of those huge, mega-million dollar contracts. In order to make room for gold glove-caliber shortstop Mike Bordick, he moved over to third base. It was for the good of the team, not the good of Cal Ripken Jr.

Next in line is the incomparable Tony Gwynn. He has a lifetime batting average near .340 and is currently only 78 hits from 3,000. He seems almost inhuman. That was until he went through a two month stretch where he had three streaks of twelve at-bats or more without a hit.

It doesn't seem possible to me that Tony Gwynn could go twelve at-bats without getting a hit. He did it three times in the span of two months! However, through all of this he never let up. He never quit

Fox Sports' Jim Rome recently interviewed Gwynn and asked him if he thought he could change his hitting style. Rome asked if he could hit sacrifice a few points on his batting average and hit thirty homeruns a year. Gwynn replied that he probably could.

An attitude like that shows class. A guy thinks he could hit 30 homeruns a year, but he doesn't try to. He just wants to help his team.

I certainly cannot forget Mark McG-wire. During all the press coverage that he received throughout the season, he handled himself with class. He got somewhat annoyed when, at the beginning of the season, he was asked about the record. When he finally acknowledged that he had a chance at the record, he was quick to remind everyone that he was not the only athlete chasing the record.

Yes, many things are going badly in our country, but these three athletes are evidence that there still are a few good men.



The Tau Phi Cowboy Show is just part of the events planned for this weekend.

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Campus set for Family Weekend '98

Tau Phi Cowboy Show, Allen Bell Tower groundbreaking, Habitat for Humanity House dedication; highlights of Family Weekend '98 events

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Parents and family of Lipscomb students will begin decending on campus tomorrow for Family Weekend '98.

Events planned for the weekend are the groundbreaking ceremony for the Allen Bell Tower, the Tau Phi Cowboy Show and the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity House.

There will also be numerous other events and ceremonies including a performing arts showcase, open dorms and a Parent Appreciation Banquet.

Carrie Turner, SGA vice president and a point person for the organizing events, said that purpose of Family Weekend is to give parents and family an opportunity to see a glimpse of their students daily life at

"A lot of the things that family members will experience are day to day events," she said. "It is a taste of what Lipscomb

Turner said that family members will be able to attend classes with their Lipscomb student and also go on tours of the campus.

One of the first events planned for the weekend is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Allen Bell Tower. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Friday.

The tower, a memorial to Michael Allen, is scheduled to be completed in time for the May 1999 graduation.

Another event that Turner said might be of interest to students is the President's Forum scheduled for 4 p.m. on Friday.

"President Flatt is going to give the 10 year vision plan with the audience," Turner said. "Then Dean McDowell, Matthew McInteer (SGA president) and Vice President McKelvey will address the audience too.

"Then the floor will be opened to questions. It should be interesting and informative."

Turner said that a highlight of Saturday will be the Tau Phi Cowboy

Tau Phi Cowboy Show as part of the events because it is such a tradition,"

The final event of Family Weekend is the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity

Lipscomb students began work on the project three weeks ago. The home will be turned over to its new owners during the dedication ceremony on Sunday at noon.

Turner said she was excited that many of the donors who gave money and supplies for the project will be at the dedication. She said that she hopes that many of the Family Weekend participants will attend the ceremony as well.

"It is really special to be able to share



"We are really excited to have the Kristy Riggs rehearses for her song in the Tau Phi Cowboy Show.

> this event with people from off campus," Turner said. "I think we are going to have a great crowd at the site for the dedication."

> Turner said that while this year is only the second family weekend, she hopes the event will continue for years to come.

> "I hope I have the chance to come to Family Weekend 2020," she said.

> Turner said that the committee who helped to organize Family Weekend '98 put in a great deal of time and effort into the events that will take place over the next

> "This isn't possible without the help of a lot of people," she said.

SGA: voice of student body

BY BUDDY JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The SGA is the voice of the student body. It communicates the students' ideas and concerns to the administration.

Service is what the SGA is all about. Serving others, namely the student body, is its primary objective.

"I like to serve," said Carrie Turner, SGA vice president.

To better serve students, the SGA is divided into four committees: Spiritual Life, Academic, Student Life and Entertainment. These committees work to make every facet of a student's life better.

"When it comes down to it, the committees really do the bulk of the work," said SGA president Matthew McInteer.

The committees are comprised of 26 senators, elected by the students. These senators are constantly coming up with ideas.

"We have a bunch of enthusiastic senators!" said Turner.

SGA provides a number of ways for every student to be involved. Family Weekend '98, which the SGA is in charge of, is this weekend:

Other activities include Writers' Nights, Habitat for Humanity, retreats, concerts, revivals and even drive-in movies.

The student government is not only concerned with entertainment, though. They see themselves as liaison to President Flatt and others for all aspects of a student's life.

When dorm life, curfew, food, bookstore, security, or even general education requrements come up in a faculty/staff meeting, the SGA is there to represent the students' needs.

Turner said the administration is aware of student positions.

"We sit in on a lot of meetings," she said. "The administration utilizes the SGA to get student input. Even though it may not be something that students actually see, their voice is represented."

However, communication from the students themselves is vital to SGA's suc-

"I want people to know where we are and to see it as an open door to come and talk," said McInteer.

Turner has enjoyed the time she has spent working with SGA.

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Computer Center defends against hackers

BY JAY ROWE BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

harder to hack into the system.

"It is a proactive approach instead of a reactive approach," said network manager Dennis Hood. "Before, anyone could have hacked into the system."

He says that there have been no obvious attempts in the past to hack into the system, but that it is better to be safe than

"About ninety percent of all attacks on for signs of hackers. systems are attempts to crash those sys-Lipscomb University's computer cen- tems, and the rest are information manipu- to learn how to install Firewall and is ter has recently taken steps to make it lation attempts," Hood said. "Those are quick to point out that the program problems you just don't need."

Anything that leaves the campus in the form of E-mail or web-site access request has to go through a program called "Firewall". By the same token, anything coming back in has to go through also, and some of it gets denied. Then, Firewall puts the attempted transaction into its records, which can be studied later to look

Hood took a one week long class just doesn't immediately start to work.

"It's a learning process," he said. "We still find problems all the time."

Although the system isn't perfect, it is a step in the right direction.

"Nothing is one-hundred percent fool proof," Hood said. "But this is closer than we were before."

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Your World at a Glance

International

Palastinian President Yassar Arafat and Isreali Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with President Clinton earlier this week to discuss further Isreali troop withdrawls from the West Bank. White House officials were encouraged by the meetings are hoping that an agreement will be reached this week.

German Chancellor-elect Gerhard Schroeder is looking forward to the new "Berlin Republic." The term refers to the move of the government back to the pre-WWII German capital of Berlin. Schroeder defeated the incumbent chancellor, Helmut Kohl, in elections this week.

National

Residents are returning to areas hit by Hurricane Georges this week. The slow moving storm dumped more than three feet of water in some areas and caused widespread flooding.

In a letter to news organizations, John Ramsey, father of JonBenet Ramsey, blasted the Boulder police department for what he described as an unskilled and mismanaged investigation.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Heather Alteri (left) joins President Steve Flatt, Provost Craig Bledsoe and Vice President Carl McKelvey in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Elam Hall.

Officials of Russelville, Ky., have imposed mandatory water rationing for city residents. The city is trying to clean their water treatment facility after microscopic worms were found in the water. Residents are being limited to two gallons of water per household.

A U.S. district judge dismissed the longrunning desegregation suit against the city of Nashville Monday. The ruling allows the city to pursue its \$205 million desegregation plan. The city may now build several new schools and end court ordered busing. Critics fear the decision will hurt poor

Sports

The Home Run race ended in dramatic fashion this week as Mark McGwire hit five dingers in his last 15 at bats to finish the season with 70 homers. Sammy Sosa finished with 66 homers on the year. However, Sosa, a favorite for the NL MVP award, and his teammates on the Chicago Cubs made the playoffs as the wild card.

This is the week that will seperate the strong from the weak in the Sports Prognosticators. Check out page 10.

Business

The Federal Reseve cut interest rates .25% Tuesday. The move was met with enthusiasm by consumers looking to purchase or refinance a home mortgage, buy a car or obtain a credit car. The reaction on Wall Street was mixed though as stock prices fell and then rebounded after the cut was announced.

While U.S. markets have been on a roller coaster ride between bull and bear markets, the Asian markets are in a strictly bear market. The Japanese Nikkei index closed at its lowest point in three years Wednesday.

Boston University student paper loses lawsuit, ordered to pay \$163,000 to former office manager

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. -- A Suffolk County Superior Court jury Monday ordered The Daily Free Press to pay a former employee nearly \$163,000, saying the paper was discriminatory when firing her

After deliberating for about six hours, jurors ruled that part of the reason office manager Karen Miranda was fired was because she had cervical cancer.

Miranda hugged her lawyer after hearing the verdict, saying, "thank you for everything.'

Miranda was awarded \$53,900 in wage compensation and \$109,000 for emotional distress. If the jury finds the Free Press' actions "outrageous," it could punish the paper further by awarding Miranda more

The Free Press will not stop printing as a result of the judgement, said editor Gene Johnson, a College of Communication

Depending on Miranda's final award, the Free Press may have to consider declaring bankruptcy. The company has about \$140,000 in cash.

The Free Press is owned by Back Bay Publishing Company, a nonprofit corporation run by Boston University students.

Free Press attorney Mike Field said \$109,000 for emotional damages is excessive and that he will ask the judge to lower the award.

"We think the emotional damages are not justified by the evidence," he said.

Jurors determined that Miranda was fired in part, but not solely, because of her illness-- citing what Field described as "mixed motives" behind her dismissal.

"The jury found that many of the reasons were not based on discrimination, but some of the reasons given for her dismissal were discriminatory," he said.

Witnesses for The Daily Free Press said Miranda was fired because she gave out free advertising after being told not to, was condescending to staff members and screamed at advertisers.

The office manager is the paper's only full-time, paid employee. Miranda was hired in late May 1994, was diagnosed with cancer in August and was fired in November.

House passes education bill

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. --In an atmosphere of overwhelming bipartisan support, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill Monday night that will lower student loan interest rates and increase Pell Grants.

After more than two years of legislative debate, the House passed the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which will shape federal financial aid programs for the next five years.

The Senate will vote on the bill later this week and government officials expect President Clinton to sign it into law by early October.

'This legislation is one of the most significant things Congress will do for families this year," said Congressman Buck McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the postsecondary education subcommittee.

Under the bill, the maximum Pell Grant amount will increase from \$3,000 to \$4,500 for the 1999-2000 academic year and \$300 annually for the following three

Interest rates for student loans will decrease from 8.2 to 7.4 percent -- the lowest interest rates in 17 years.

I think there's good news in the bill for students and colleges and universities." said Tom Etten, the University of Minnesota's director of federal relations

But Etten and other college lobbyists

disliked the loan provisions on first glance last week because they were less favorable to students than earlier drafts. This version only reduces interest rates for refinancing student loans for a few months.

The lobbyists endorsed the Higher Education Act on Friday, saying it helps students overall.

But the act's passage will not only authorize improvements in financial aid; it will also initiate new programs and incentives for college students and public

For example, the government will waive two years in student loan debt if an individual teaches in a school located in an economically depressed community.

The act also fuels an initiative for more campus-based day care and research and implementation of distance-learning pro-

Although Congress endorsed a version of the plan this summer, the White House rejected the bill early this month with two major complaints.

Administration officials said they wanted to add a measure allowing students to refinance their loans at a lower interest rate. Clinton also opposed a provision making it more difficult for the Education Department to run the federal direct-loan program.

Communication vital to success of SGA

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"It's been a great experience for me and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world," she said.

McInteer agreed and said he hopes students here take pride in Lipscomb.

"The people here are wonderful and I'm proud to work with them," he said.

SGA holds meeting every other Minday in the Faculty/Staff dining room at 6:00 pm. These meetings are open to everyone.

McInteer said he would love to see

The Babbler will begin a four-part series next week on each of the SGA committees. Buddy Johnson will explain the functions of each and provide coverage of issues with which each one is presently dealing.

students show up at the meetings.

He also said that any student can be a member of a committee if he or she wants to. The committee meetings are weekly.

"We are your voice," said McInteer.
"Let us know what you think."

The SGA office is located in the basement of Sewell on the Johnson side. Officers are there many nights, but are guaranteed to be there 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The extension is 1831 and the e-mail address is SGA@dlu.edu. The SGA website should be up and running shortly.

"... to promote the Christian values and principles of the univeristy, to provide liaison with the administration, to sustain the spirit and the morale of the student body, to supply campus leadership, and to serve as a catalyst for spiritual, academic, and social growth."

SGA mission statement

Communication vital Lipscomb hosts Neitzke work

BY CHRIS HUGHES
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for students to see the work of a nationally renowned artist.

Robert Neitzke's show *Colorful Prints* of Fantasy is in the Hutcheson Gallery until Oct. 9.

Colorful Prints of Fantasy is personified by Miro and Gorky-like prints utilizing subject matters from poetic landscape resemblances to his athletic focus- bicycling. Neitzke constructs his prints with a seemingly surreal-expressionistic palette containing pastel colors and balloon forms coinciding with a far from rational composition. Straying from the traditional print presentation with one piece, Bike Nuts, Neitzke constructs a book cataloging a cross country tour from with a diagrammatic temperament.

These prints are the result of a disengaging mental process called automatism or automatic writing.

"Within the artist's subconscious," Neitzke states, "exists a wealth of ideas and imagery equally as valid an art form as those artists who attempt to replicate the visual world around us with their powers of observation.

"Pulling back the curtain of consciousness reveals a scene that would not have been visible much less pure within the constraints of "cerebral decisions."

Neitzke first establishes a composition quickly to avoid interference of an overbearing rational framework. After making sense and putting some constraints attributed to the "cerebral straight-jacket," he starts to develop the piece by adding elements of narration, color and order.

Neitzke
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Neitzke's self portrait

piece titled Alba Mare.

Deciphering through the several layers, cavities of landscapes and narration are discovered. Signs point in the direction of neuron battlefield. Ellipse-formed eyes can be seen through the image play of the orbital cavity and it's connection with the conscious-complementing the automatic writing of the subconscious.

This is just one of two projects Neitzke keeps in continuous feed. Another show, which centers on the dangers of tobacco, currently resides in Memphis.

His motivation for the tobacco works is "prompted by many family members who have had their health ruined through their use of tobacco."

Colorful Prints of Fantasy is in the Hutcheson Gallery until Oct. 9. Hutcheson Gallery is located in the basement of Sewell hall and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5p.m. ■

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Writer's Night showcases students' performing talent

BY BETSY RACHAL BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

If you were not at Marriott last Wednesday night after the regular hours, you missed an incredible show.

From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., the arts came alive on Marriott's porch as 18 students shared their musical and creative writing talents with fellow students.

Officially titled "Writer's Night," it was the first open-mike night of the semester, with approximately 30 spectators. Even though the night was long, many stayed to see every performer display his or her talent.

Various talents represented all that performed. From serious poetry to entertaining songs, something was offered for everyone. The artists were not shy about getting up in front of the crowd at all and the audience responded to each performer.

Joe Carr started off the evening playing guitar and singing an upbeat song, "You Got Me Girl."

Jessica Haslam then followed singing with "Refine Me" and a slow song called "Double Tree Road." This was one of Jessica's songs written about a road that she often walked down at camp. Later in the night, "Doug and Jess" sang two romantic songs entitled "Not My Will But Thine Be Done," and "I Would."

Other duets included Matt Johnson and Rob Collier as well as Landon Stubblefield and Jeff Fuller.

Sophomore Tim Grant performed "Please Don't Leave Today."

Amanda Pearyhouse's performed the only a cappela number with her version of the pop song "Angel".

Finishing the musical category was Paul Hatfield performing three original

numbers: "The Struggle", "Summer's Eve Lullaby", and "Evergreeen."

Stealing the show however, was Chuck Jones. Hilarious as always, Chuck is no stranger to the stage. After performing his song "Communist Girlfriend," a little parody followed with Chuck's worst enemy coming in and knocking him over the head. Chuck was "bleeding", but okay and returned just in time to recite his poem "A Clerk at Tower Records and a Metamorphosis Therof."

Not to forget about poetry. Anyone who had ever seen "The X-Files" appreciated Melissa Stewart's rendition of "Ode to the X-Files Movie."

Much of the poetry was of a serious

Pete Westerholm read to the audience four short original poems including "The Father's Passing," discussing a father leaving this world.

The audience could tell that Nicole Harter was passionate about her poetry when she read her two poems entitled "Tomorrow's Prospect" and "Trifles."

Zach Sutherland and Eddie Adams also individually recited original poems.

D.J. Potter finished the evening by reading original poetry he had written about his girlfriend.

So what do students think about the Writer's Night?

"I love the Writer's Night," said audience member Rachel Holman. "It's things like these that make school fun."

From the performers perspective: "Writer's Night is an excellent opportunity for talented students to have a spotlight that otherwise would not get the chance," commented Jessica Haslam.

Writer's Nights happen at least once a semester and are sponsored by SGA. ■

Oktoberfest: time of unity of mind and spirit

BY DARBY WAETJEN
BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 6, 1987 as German-American Dav.

"I urge all Americans to learn more about the contributions of German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States and to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities (Proclamation Oct. 2, 1987)."

Presidents Bush, and Clinton have made similar proclamations.

"Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, we at Lipscomb have always celebrated German-American Day," said Foreign Language Department Chair, Dr. Charles McVey. "October 6--an official day of commemoration established by president Reagan to honor the contributions of German-Americans (the largest segment of U.S. society) to our country's heritage."

In honor of German-American Day 1998 the German department in cooperation with Marriott will provide German style food, music, games, and information during lunch in Bison Square. The menu includes three types of German sausage, three types of bread, German potato salad, sauerkraut, french fries, apple strudel, and Black Forest Cake.

The German-American Joint Action Committee recommended "the period

from mid-Sept. to about mid-Oct. be German-American Heritage Month. All activities in the German-American Community that fall within this period (i.e. Steuben Parades, summer fesitvals, Oktoberfests, concerts, exhibits, and other special events) should be identified as celebrations of our German-American Heritage."

Oktoberfest is an event Germans all over the world celebrate this time of year. It date back to 1810 when Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig II was married just outside Munich. Due to the magnificent parade to the wedding grounds, people demanded that a similar parade be done the following year.

Most outsiders see Oktoberest as a time when Germans get drunk for the sole purpose of getting drunk. However, to the Germans, it has become a time of unity of mind and spirit with your fellow man. One parade on the second day of Oktoberfest has floats from seven different countries. The largest North-American Oktoberfest is located near Toronto, Canada.

This year Lipscomb students are taking part in the Oktoberfest in Clarksville on Oct. 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please meet on the Belmont side of the McFarland Science building at 3:45 p.m. if you wish to come along. There will be bratwurst, schnitzel, black forest cake, Country-German music, and plenty of souvenirs. The cost of admission is \$5.

Nashville's Oktoberfest takes place Saturday, Oct. 10, downtown between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. See McVey for info. ■



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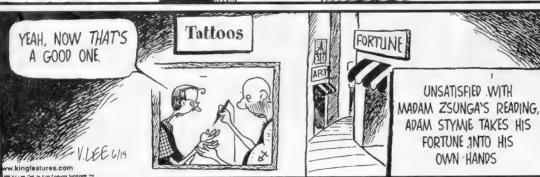
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CHAOS by Brian Shuster

i need help



"Well, honey, the guy was a really good salesman."



In the end, Bob would miss the bandwagon by about two feet.



"Aaaahhh!"

Editorials

SGA and students must work together

Cooperation is the name of the game.

The SGA and Lipscomb students need each other's help.

The SGA is nothing without the help and support of the student body. And the SGA provides the outlet for students to address their grievances to the administration.

So with this obvious "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" arrangement, why does SGA have to beg for input from students while students complain that the SGA does "nothing?"

In years past, the conflict could be pinned largely on communication problems. On the one hand, students didn't know where or how to get in contact with the SGA. On the other, the SGA often did a poor job of responding to input and suggestions while failing to adequately communicate needs and plans.

And *The Babbler* is not without blame in the problem. Newspapers have historically been the "watchdogs" of government and business. Yet, not since 1993 has *The Babbler* assigned a beat writer to cover the SGA.

But things are changing.

Students are beginning to show a greater interest in the workings of the SGA. Voter turnout in recent SGA elec-

tions have been higher than normal. Students are also getting involved on committees in higher numbers.

In response to input from several sides, the SGA has taken many steps of its own to improve the situation and to communicate better with the student body. "SGA Today," the biweekly newsletter from the SGA to students, is a tremendous first step towards improving communication. Students now are able to look in one place and find out much of what the SGA is planning. An SGA web site is in the works and the SGA has proven to be open to comments and criticism this year.

But the work is far from done.

Students have a continuing responsibility towards the SGA. It is imperitive that students express their opinions to the SGA about issues affecting Lipscomb. Without the input from the student body, the SGA can not effectively serve the students. Once students have communicated their opinions, they must then follow-up with action. The SGA is dependent on the involvement and contributions of students to projects and events for its success. Without student involvement, the SGA can not accomplish the goals before it.

Last year's presidential election showed that students care about what goes

on within the offices of the SGA. Chad High, even though he lost the election, highlighted the grievances of many students. The SGA must look at the issues that High raised and address them.

The SGA must embrace with passion its role as as a representative organization. The senators and officers on SGA are the representatives of the student body. They owe it to the student body to work diligently towards the goals as set out by the students. The SGA must rememer that it is the student representative to the administration, not an actual part of the administration.

The Babbler is dedicated to this issue. This paper accepts the responsibilty to report on the SGA and on student involvement in the representative process.

Last week, *The Babbler* encouraged readers to write and call their congressional representatives and share their opinions about the Clinton controversy. That same logic also applies to Lipscomb's SGA. Call your senator and share your opinion about issues before the SGA. The SGA is dedicated to serving the needs of the student body. But it can only address needs as it knows them.

Together, students and the SGA can make a difference. ■

Letters to the editor

To submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BABBLER@DLU.EDU. All letters must be signed and include a phone number.

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Welcome families and friends

Family Weekend '98 is upon us.

We here at *The Babbler* take this opportunity to welcome everyone on Lipscomb's campus. Throughout the weekend many wonderful activities will be taking place: a student talent show, the Tau Phi Cowboy Show, the Habitat for Humanity House dedication, The President's Forum and the ground-breaking ceremony for the Allen Bell Tower.

While you are on campus this weekend, take the opportunity to tour the campus, talk to students, faculty and staff members. Please use this weekend as an opportunity to learn about the many exciting things that are happening on Lipscomb's campus.

One of the unique opportunities is for you to sit in on classes with your son or daughter. This provides an opportunity for you, the parents, to see the type of environment provided by Lipscomb's professors and instructors.

Again, welcome to Lipscomb.

Student Voices

What are your plans for Family Weekend '98?



Marti McMahon

My mom is coming up and we plan on doing the activities that are planned and spending some quality time with each other.



Ricky Holoway & Steve Neil

We plan on participating in every possible event this glorious weekend. [Sponsored by SGA]



Ted Nightingale

Since my parents can't make it, I'm going to enjoy meeting all my friends' parents and family. I've already been invited to two dinners.



Heather Baragar

Since my family is so far away, I guess I will be mooching off other people's parents.

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Point: Clinton should remain

BY APRIL JONES COLUMNIST

Bill Clinton should remain in office and nothing else should be said by anyone about the Monica mess. In my perfect world this is what would happen, but I must live realistically and support my opinions. Bill Clinton, Congress, and the American people need to do some things to get the president's sex life out of our lives.

First of all, I believe Clinton should not resign. This is not a decision I made lightly. Even though I did vote for Clinton and drove around with a Clinton/Gore bumper sticker on my car the past few years, I am a Christian who has serious reservations about having an immoral president.

I originally liked Clinton merely because I was a democrat and he ran on the democratic ticket. However, I have been impressed with the domestic decisions he has made throughout his presidency. I received more money to aid depleted college funds because of a bill he signed. My parents have received a tax break because of another bill he signed.

Other people approve of his job because of the number of new jobs and good economic conditions that have gone along with his presidency.

When Clinton's sex life was given to the American people in great detail, I thought that he needed to resign for the good of the Democratic party. I have since changed my mind because I, as a democrat, do not feel he has hurt the country.

Yes, that's right. I said that I do not feel that he has hurt the country.

I understand that other people feel that their morality is determined by what the president does, but I do not. Clinton has not done anything to directly affect the welfare of the American people. Our safety, economy or freedom are not going to directly be affected by an extra-marital

Secondly, Congress must make a decision about impeachment proceedings. I will not pretend to understand all the details of an impeachment proceeding nor will I say what Congress should do. I just hope that they will weigh all the facts carefully before passing judgement against Clinton. If he is guilty of a crime that should go to trial, then my approval of his performance should not absolve him of guilt.

Congress has the impossible job of separating personal emotions from the evidence. I hope, for the sake of everyone involved, that whatever happens with Congress, happens quickly and quietly.

Finally, the American people need to do some things to help us turn our focus off the president's sex life. I would like to suggest three things we need to quit doing.

First, we need to quit acting like we are lawyers. A small minority of the American public has the knowledge to understand what is perjury and what isn't, what constitutes a high crime or misdemeanor and what goes along with the role of the independent council. We need to stop acting like we know how Congress should handle itself.

Second, we need to quit watching every detail of the scandal. The same people who laugh at Jerry Springer addicts have all read the revealing details of the independent counsel's report. The same people who fuss about every commercial on TV containing an allusion to sex watched with intensity all of Clinton's testimony. I turn the channel when experts start talking about what should be done. The other night I watched Dateline and Clinton was not mentioned the entire hour it was wonderful.

Finally, people should quit trying to make the government their moralizing agent. I have been arguing this fact for years. We do not live in a theocracy. Government officials should not be looked to for moral support any more than a movie star should be. Nine-year-old Johnny will not grow up to be an adulterer because his president had an affair, but he might if he sees his father having an affair. Parents are the most influential people on a child's future. Friends, teachers, siblings, other family, and neighbors are all more influential than news stories.

Another reason we should not look to government for moralization is because our morals come from God. We do not think something is right or wrong because it is a law. We have a greater understanding of morals because it either goes with God's intrinsic goodness or against it. Jesus did not want the morals of his church to be the laws of the land. Government or government officials should not and cannot be our example of morality.

Sports Commentary

BY MICHAEL KIDDER COLUMNIST

Well, sports fans, here we go. The playoffs, football week 6, the playoffs, the NHL, and the playoffs

Right around the corner is the meat of the Major League post season, like a brother breathing down your neck on your birthday, waiting to snatch, steal, or borrow what ever you pull out of that ox wrapped up joy. No better way could we imagine this joyful time or year than with a one game, winner-take-all showdown between the Cubs and the Giants, and it was a thing of beauty, unless you're a Giants fan..

Sammy didn't hit one; one of the few players who is old enough not to wear an ear protector, and doesn't, did go yard. Gary Gaetti became the hero of the one game season, and gave underdogs everywhere hope. Who could not love the Cubbies

On the college gridiron, Bear Bryant is still roll-tiding in his grave over Alabama's worst loss since a final game blowout by Auburn in 1957. Bookies around the world are still running their alligator-shoe feet off to collect on that one. Tennessee fooled even themselves by simply taking care of business on top of Rocky. Story of the week goes to Nebraska, who embarrassed a top ten Washington right out of Lincoln. Huskers can now say that they have played somebody. The rest of the results were sim-

Next Week, look to Columbus as Ohio State takes on Penn State in what should be a between-the-tackles game. The words Joe Pa take away any edge the #1 team in the nation might have. If nothing else, one does get to hear the courtesy "Whoa Nelly!" as Keith Jackson announces his last season. Arizona plays Washington in a top 25 clash. Arizona is 4-0 as they look up to the possbilities; Wahington will be looking to save face after their Huskering, in a game that could prove interesting. The nightcap looks to be Georgia (3-0) vs. LSU (3-0) in what is sure to be a game with at least mammals vs. reptiles.

Jump on the Predators bandwagon now, because on Oct. 10, everyone else in Nasvhille will be forgetting about the Oil-

Finally, a mere commentary about the world as I see it. This baseball season has been a great one, with great things still to come. What the casual, unattentive fan should not miss is the place kicker. The placekicker? Am I a fool? I was talking about baseball.

We cheer for McGwire as he nine dollars, nine dollars, nine dollars the ball to death. But don't forget the unsung position man. The guy who knows his job and gets it done. The Yankees have a team full of them. Guys who just want to do their best every day to help the team. Like a placekicker, or an offensive guard or Mark Grace. It might be a boring job that gets little praise. But if not done, the team loses. Look for the little guy everywhere this week in sports, for he has the edge to make a difference.

Counterpoint: Clinton should resign

BY DAVID KOELLEIN COLUMNIST

The indelicate details of Mr. Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky are among the least of the embarrassments that have emerged as a result of the scandal. Far more disconcerting are the degeneration of America's moral fabric and the dilution of the nation's legal standards. One also wonders what effect the Lewinsky affair will have on America's global influence. Those who argue that much is being made about nothing must wake up to the fact that the scandal actually has very little to do with sex.

I do not intend to excuse the president's licentious behavior. While there are more important issues at stake, we must not ignore Mr. Clinton's complete disregard for the family values he claims to uphold. More disturbing still is the fact that he shook his finger at me and the rest of the nation's television viewers claiming that the sexual relationship was mere fiction. He proceeded to blame Ken Starr for persecuting him and for wasting America's tax dollars on a wild goose chase. The president caused his own problems, and

kudos to Mr. Starr for revealing to us his bers. It is a constitutional obligation. deception.

I find most disturbing the way in which Americans are reacting to the scandal. Apparently most people are perfectly comfortable ignoring Clinton's mischief, and the greatest justification that they have for doing so is the fact that their wallets are relatively full. If the economy was in poorer shape, would we be dismissing the president's sins as minor offenses and praising him for how well he has provided for our personal economic interests?

This raises the issue of legal standards. Can a person be too popular to be punished? Seemingly, Americans are willing to forgive Mr. Clinton because they like him so much. However, is not one of the very foundations of American thought that men are equal under the law? Princes and paupers are constitutionally to be held to the same legal standards. No one is above the law, not even the president. He must answer the charges against him in the same way that the average citizen in his situation would have to. Perjury is illegal for Mr. Clinton, too. The congress has no choice but to bring appropriate charges against him regardless of the poll num-

One must also recognize the impact the scandal is having on America's global influence. I recently saw a news clip showing an anti-American rally to protest American military action in Afghanistan and the Sudan. Several of the demonstrators were holding a banner urging our president to "wag the dog," referring to the curiously coincidental movie of this past year. This is one example showing the way in which other nations have lost respect for American leadership as a result of Clinton's behavior.

As the leader of the free world, the president should know better than to jeopardize America's reputation by acting the fool. He represents all of us to the globe, not to mention the example he has set for our young people here at home. Our children should not aspire to be future presidents if this is how we expect them to act.

In short, if he has any honor within him at all, the president should respectfully resign his post. His lies and moral disregard warrant it. The American people are entitled to respectable leadership and should not tolerate the exploitation of the office of the president.

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Coming Events

Family Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 2-4. Activities planned include a President's Forum, a performing arts showcase and the dedication of the SGA sponsored Habitat House.

The Tau Phi Cowboy Show will be Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. Admission is \$6.

Acappella will be giving a free outdoor concert Oct. 3 at the new Lifeway Christian Store at Cool Springs Mall. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is a kick-off of the new album release by Acappella, entitled The Collection.

SGA Bowling night is planned for Oct. 9. Call 1831 for more info.

The Crisis Pregnancy Support Center will hold its 14th annual Run for Life on Oct. 10. The Run, the biggest fundraising event for the CPSC, will be held at the Brentwood Academy track starting at 8 a.m. Call 321-4739 for more info.

The Nashville Predators open their innaugural season Oct. 10 against the Florida Panthers at 7 p.m. in the Nashville Arena.

The Fall Revival is scheduled for Oct. 12-14. Mike Tanaro will be the featured speaker at 7 p.m. each night.

Lipscomb University Concert Band presents its fall concert on Oct. 12 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

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Tennessee vs Auburn	UT Martin finally shows what he's got.	UT Martin has gained confidence	TN Volunteers worthy of top 3 ranking	Vols "Give the ball to Jamal!"	Tenn. It'll be tough without Wilson	Tennessee Auburn's down Vols are up
South Carolina vs. Ole Miss	Ole Miss Who knows?!	Ole Miss Gamecocks are WEAK!	Rebels No defenseno offense No game	Rebels These two teams make Vandy look decent	S.C. It's a toss up	Ole Miss Hard to say, Rebels will win
Florida vs. Alabama	Florida Bama defense can't hang with the Gators.	Fla. Fla. offense will rip the Tide	FL Gators still not happy about UT loss	Gators Rotating QBs pass Tide defense dizzy	Fla. Gators will top the Tide	Florida Spurrier's relentless
Kentucky vs. Arkansas	Kentucky Cats scratch the Razor's backs.	Kentucky Good game. Couch ready for win after Fla.	UK Couch is definitely for real	Wildcats Cats' "D" slows down Hogs just enough to win	KY Couch will tear up Razorback secondary	Arkansas How bout my Hogs!
Georgia vs. LSU	LSU Faulk pulls it off.	Another good game. Tigers should win.e	Tigers Getting ready for the big one	Tigers Faulk warms up for the "Swamp" next week	LSU Can anyone stop Faulk?	LSU is tough at home
Arizona vs. Washington	Washington Huskies gunning after BLOWOUT loss.	AZ Arizona should be stronger team	Arizona Wildcats trash Wash- ington defense	Wildcats Desert Swarm II invades Seattle	Arizona Who cares???	Arizona Arizona's on a roll
Penn St. vs. Ohio St.	Ohio State Can anybody beat the Buckeyes?	OSU Go Buckeyes!	OSU BIG test for OSU	Buckeyes Fiesta Bowl implications loom large	Ohio St. Premier game in the premier conference	Ohio State Great game!
Wash St. vs. UCLA	UCLA Bruin Blowout	UCLA Bruins will remain in top form	UCLA Can you say Heisman?	Bruins Hurricane may be only way to stop Bruin attack.	UCLA Does anyone care?	UCLA UCLA's a sleeper
Kansas City vs. Seattle	Seattle Moon is the MAN!	KC I'm all for Joe Montana's old team	Seattle Time for KC to start losing again	Chiefs All pro games are guesses.	Seattle It's going to be close	Seattle KC will sleep in Seattle
Indianapolis vs. San Diego	Chargers Peyton who?	Colts I want Peyton to win! (Could go either way.)	Indy Record for total INT's in one game	Colts Leaf is falling apart and Peyton can only go up	Colts Manning and the Colts are due	San Diego Chargers will play well this week
Dallas vs. Washington	Dallas The gospel according to Deion Sanders	Dallas Even with injuries, Dallas has upperhand	Dallas Contain Deionor lose game	Redskins Great gamein 1985!!!	Dallas Washington's terrible	Dallas Battle of two has-beens

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The Cheap Seats: Let us introduce ourselves

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TOMEY COLUMNISTS

We like sports. You come in our dorm room, you're gonna be watching ESPN. You want something to read, all you'll get is a Sports Illustrated. You wanna talk about something, it better be sports related.

So when we saw there was room for a sports column at The Babbler, we were all over it like cheese on a Steak'um.

You don't have to agree with us or even like us, but you do have to like sports. We're talking everything from basketball to bowling, football to rugby, handball to underwater basket weaving. We like it all. So enough said, here's what we think about this week in sports.

 Unless you're a complete antisocialite who's been hanging out at the Donut Den all weekend, you've probably heard about Mark McGwire's 70th home run he hit in the last game of the season. Inside sources say that Big Mac contributed his last two homers to some tall, skinny guy with his hat on backwards who was talking smack behind home plate. Who was this crazy, tall guy anyway?

◆ You think Vandy's having a rough

time this season, listen to this. Prairie View A&M beat Langston 14-12 by stopping a two point conversion attempt with 20 seconds left. What's the big deal? The big deal is that they hadn't won a game since Oct. 28, 1989. They ended their NCAA record of 80 games without a win. Wow. Maybe they should play Lipscomb's foot-

◆ This week in basketball, the NBA is still in its 13-week lockout. It looks like there will be no preseason games or regular season openers. The players are complaining they don't want a salary cap. If we were only getting paid six million a year, I'm sure we'd be whining too. Whatever! Give us a break! These guys are more annoying than that Gilbert Godfried guy from "Problem Child 2."

◆ Mike "Iron Teeth" Tyson attempted to get his boxing license back from the Nevada Athletic Commission this week. They said he had to pass a psychological test before they would even consider him. Tyson couldn't pass a psychological test any better than Clinton could pass a lie detector test. Oh yeah, this just in. Evander Holyfield was spotted at Castner-Knott shopping for earmuffs.

♦ Welcome back to the "Make fun of Woodyball 2" section. Right when you thought Vandy had pulled out all the stops, they got even more desperate. Thomas Gallant, former Vandy cheerleader, is now playing free safety. How pathetic. We can't wait to see Gallant try to tackle Jamal Lewis when UT comes to town. Is Gallant going to smack Lewis over the head with his megaphone?

♦ We can not overlook the always exciting women's world horseshoe championships held last weekend in Ainsworth, Neb. Becky Kemper, from Befoe, Ky., threw 751 ringers out of a possible 910 to defeat the former 3-time champion. Our suggested grand prize: a four year horseshoe scholarship to Sewanee.

◆ College football quickies: UT is better off without Peyton "Happy Feet" Manning; Alabama got spanked because Shaun Alexander reeked; Cornhuskers extended winning streak to 18 games; FSU trampled the Trojans; the Irish, with last minute heroics, extinguished the Boilermakers; and as we speak, Vandy is gearing up for their next big loss.

So, that's this week in sports. We hope you enjoyed this first installment of The Cheap Seats. If you didn't, don't worry, we're not losing any sleep over it. Stay tuned next week for another view from The Cheap Seats. Same Babbler time, same

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Volleyball:

Oct. 5 @ Birmingham-Southern 7 p.m.

Oct. 6 Lambuth 6 p.m. *

Softball:

Oct. 3-5 @ MTSU Invitational TBA

Cross Country:

Oct. 3 Lipscomb Invitational

10 a.m. Men Women 10:45 a.m.

denotes home game

Volleyball team faces increased competition this year within TranSouth conference

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

This season, the Lady Bison volleyball team has a schedule that, to the naked eye, looks about the same as years past. It consists of many of the same teams, but something is a little different now as compared to a few years back.

The TranSouth conference, while always competitive, has improved a lot over the last few. Teams that used to be weak are now stronger, and there is a battle going on for placement atop the confer-

"When I was younger, there were always the three top teams battling and then the other six who just rounded out the bottom," said senior Julie Wilkins. "But this year, there are about five teams who have a legitimate shot at winning the conference."

It is obvious to tell how strong the conference is when you consider the Lady

Bisons, now 12-5, are in fourth place behind Lee, Trevecca and Union. Their most recent loss, a five-game heartbreaker against Trevecca, put their divisional record at 3-3. But the battle for first is far from over.

The Lady Bisons still have plenty of games left in the TranSouth, as they play Lee, Union and Trevecca once more, as well as other opponents from the conference. Also on Lipscomb's side is the fact that nearly half of their remaining games will be played at home. Even with their 12-5 record, the girls feel that their best volleyball is yet to come.

"We have this collective team funk going on right now," Wilkins said. "We haven't been playing as well as we know we can."

The team will try to break out of that "funk" on Monday against Birmingham-Southern, another road game. On Tuesday, the Lady Bisons return home for a game against Lambuth.

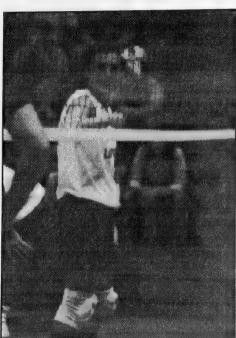


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Julie Wilkins stares down an opponent in the Lady Bison's game against Trevecca.

Cross country teams battle heat, course; finish strong at Commodore Classic

BY BRAD HAM STAFF WRITER

The Commodore Cross-Country Classic was held last Saturday at Percy-Warner Park here in

On a hot morning, fifteen teams from all over the southeast lined up for the

Lipscomb finished 10th overall. They beat such teams as Southeast Missouri and MTSU. The Bisons Vanderbilt who came in

ninth. In the Small College Division, the Lipscomb men took third place.

Tim Lavender led the way for the Bisons with a time of 29:07 for the five mile race.

"I felt pretty good throughout the whole race," Lavender said. "I turned it on towards the end and came in strong. I hope to break into the 28s next week.'

The Bisons have had three different leaders in their three meets this season. David Scott, who has come in the top two for the first two races, was injured for this

PHOTO BY BRAD HAM

were only one place behind Dan Turner keeps pace with the competition.

race. He is expected to return this weekend in the DLU Invitational at Percy Warner.

Jeff Swindell, Dan Turner, Dennis Marquardt and Matt Steidl rounded out the top five with times in the 30 minute range or better.

The team expects to come out strong this weekend as Lipscomb hosts its own meet in Percy Warner Park. The races start at 10 a.m. The Bisons would appreciate all of the support that they can get, so come out and cheer them on this Saturday morning.

You can check out the cross country teams for yourself this weekend at the DLU Invitational at Percy Warner Park. The men start at 10 a.m. and the women begin at 10:45 a.m. Call the athletic department for more information.

BY CHARA PATTERSON STAFF WRITER

The Lady Bison Cross Country team joined 14 other teams at Vanderbilt's SEC meet at Vaughn's Gap last Saturday.

Vaughn's Gap is a wellknown, top notch course. The 3.1 mile trail has a number of pain-enduring hills. The difficulty of the course usually increases runner's time by an average of 45 seconds.

The meet



Natalie Montgomery

focuses on her pace. was jam-packed with runners coming from as far as Missouri. The Lady Bisons knew there were up against tough competition.

Lipscomb has three runner return from the injured list to face the treacherous Vaughn's Gap. The Lady Bisons fought until the finish and placed fourth in the small college division.

They trailed Shorter College by one point and placed thirteenth overall.

Caroline Nelson once again finished first for Lipscomb with a time of 23:07. Some Lady Bisons beat the 45 second average and finished with better times.

High hopes await the team this Saturday as they host the DLU Invitational at Vaughn's Gap.

The Sports Column Holy Cow!

"There's a drive! Way back! It might be! It could be! It is! Home Run! Holy Cow!" and "Cubs Win! Cubs Win!"

Anybody that has followed baseball much at all recognizes these words as the words of the Voice of the Chica-



Matt Baggett Sports Editor

go Cubs, the late Harry Caray. He died before spring training of this season. Harry's grandson, Chip, succeeded him in the Cubs' broadcast booth.

Perhaps the most famous of Harry's traditions was the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh inning stretch. The tradition was loved so much that the Cubs continued it in Harry's absence. The Chicago Cubs invited guests to come sing in Harry's memory. Some invited were his spouse Dutchie, Vin Scully, Dick Vitale, and his good friend Pete Vonachen.

Harry Caray had been in the business of broadcasting baseball games for over 50 years. He spent time with the Cardinals, Athletics, White Sox, Cubs. In 1989, he was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame and given the Ford C. Frick Award.

The Chicago Cubs' players have dedicated this season to Harry's memory. They have used his memory as an inspiration. One star Cub said there is only one way the team adequately can memorialize Caray: "We have to win it for him," said Mark Grace. As it turns out, the Cubs made it into the playoffs.

Much like their 1989 season, when they last made it to the playoffs, this season was quite a roller coaster ride for the Cubs. They started out the season like lightning and then hit a bad streak. The season was up and down most of the way.

They finally reached some sort of consistency about the end of July. From this point on, the race for the National League Wild Card was wild and Harry (no pun intended). The Cubs battled with the Mets and Giants until the last day of the season. They won the wildcard in a one game playoff with the Giants.

The fervor that Caray has for the game summed up perfectly by one of his own statements. This is his call of the end of the game that clinched the division championship for the Cubs in 1984.

"One more and its over. The Chicago Cubs will be the new Eastern Division champs! Hey, it's in there! Cubs are the Champions! The Cubs are the Champions! The Cubs win! Rick Sutcliffe--his 13th in a row! He pitched a two-hitter! Let's just watch it....Now our lives are complete! The Cubs are number one! The Cubs have clinched the Eastern Division

This one's for you Harry. HOLY COW!



Check out the story on the Wiffle Ball tourney on page 16.

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Lipscomb honors three with Avalon Award

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Representatives from the music industry, academe and journalism were presented the prestigious "Avalon Award for Creative Excellence" in a special ceremony Tuesday night.

Music industry executive Dan Harrell, library advocate Edward G. Holley and Tennessean journalist Frances Meeker were honored during "An Evening of Excellence: Honoring the Creative Arts."

"The Evening of Excellence is one of our premier events on campus each year," said Walt Leaver, vice president for university relations. "The excellence we seek to honor in the recipients each year characterizes the commitment to quality historically held by the leadership of this institution."

Harrell, a 1971 Lipscomb graduate, is co-president of Idea Entertainment, a division of the Gaylord Entertainment Group. He was co-founder in 1980 of Blanton/Harrell Entertainment, which was responsible for developing the careers of such contemporary Christian artists as Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Gary

Chapman and others before Gaylord aquired the comapny in 1997.

Holley, a 1949 Lipscomb graduate, has been one of the most influential scholars in the field of library science in this half of the 20th century, Leaver said. For most of his career, Holley served as professor and dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he implemented a doctoral pro-

Before his retirement in 1995, Holley served as president of the American Library Association, was designated a William Rand Kenan Jr. professor and received almost every award given in the field of librarianship. Earlier this year, he was honored by the Association for Library and Information Science Foundation for professional contributions to library and information science, Leaver said.

Meeker, this year's community recipient of the Avalon Award, began her journalism career in 1967 as a general assignment reporteer with the now-closed Nashville Banner. In 1978. she became the paper's religion editor aand began writing one of the few daily religion columns in the



PHOTO BY ROBIN PYLE

President Steve Flatt presents Frances Meeker with her award.

United States.

In addition to the religion beat, her byline has appeared over stories from Nicaragua during the Contra-Sandinista conflict; Saudia Arabia during the Persian Gulf War; Bosnia and Croatia, Israel and numerous countries in Europe and Asia. Meeker currently writes two columns of religion news for The Tennessean each week

The Avalon Awards were created in 1995 to foster interest in the creative arts among students on campus by honoring alumni and others who exhibit the principles upon which the Lipscomb University was founded, Leaver said.

Previous recipients have included author and publisher Imogene Forte, children's television animator and producer Jim Jinkins, historian James Lee McDonough, veteran NBC journalist John Dancy, sculptor Clydetta Fulmer, actress and Parthenon museum director Wesley Payne, author John Egerton, musician Marty Roe and artist Dawn Whitelaw. All of the honorees except Forte, Egerton and Meeker are Lipscomb graduates or alumni.

Honorees are chosen by a steering committee comprised of Leaver; Charles Frasier, associate professor of business administration; David England, director of public relations; Dr. Robert E. Hooper, professor of history; Dr. Dennis Loyd, professor of English; and Carolyn Wilson, acting director of library services for Lipscomb's Beaman Library.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN STURGEON

Tim Wrinkle and Andrew King "Get Jiggy" to the tune "Men in Black" in last week s tatem snow.

Family Weekend '98 is but a memory for many students.

But you can turn to pages 6-7 to get a quick recap of many of the events that

You can read Buddy Johnson's review of the Tau Phi Cowboy Show. Or

check out Stephen Sturgeon's review of the talent show.

You can read about the dedication of the Lipscomb Habitat House or find out about the groundbreaking ceremony for the Allen Bell Tower.

Tanaro to lead Revival

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

The Spiritual Life Committee is busy making final plans for next week's Fall

Mike Tanaro, the featured speaker, will talk about living "In the Shadow of the Cross,'

Brett Harrison, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee, said that the goal of Revival is to bring students closer to God.

"Having a speaker come in is a way to bring students closer to God," he said. "In a way, Revival is when students can set aside time with God, time when they can come and learn more about God and about their relationship with God."

Tanaro, a preacher from Paducah, Ky., will speak in Swang 108 Monday thru Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

Kevin Duncan, a committee member and organizer of Revival, said that students should get a lot out of hearing Tanaro.

'Tanaro has a unique style in that he tells it like it is," Duncan said. "He has had some unique struggles of his own.

"He is almost completely deaf and he has overcome that and become an amazing preacher with an amazing passion for the

Duncan said that he hopes Lipscomb students come away from Revival closer to God and each other.

"One of our goals every time we have Revival is to build a sense of community on campus," Duncan said. "Not just making friendships, but building more of a foundation for the student body as a whole so they can increase their faith."

Harrison said he hopes that there is a large turnout for Revival.

'We have Swang and we would love to pack it out," he said. "We'd like to see as many people there as possible. We don't think our campus can be revived if students aren't there."

Harrison said he hopes that students will be in prayer for Revival for the next three days.

"Pray for Revival," he said "Pray that God will speak through Mike Tanaro. Prayer is powerful and God can and will do great things."

Your World at a Glance

International

Boris Yeltsin is under pressure from his countrymen to step down. Hundreds of thousands of Russians protested this week calling for Yeltsin's ouster and payment of back wages. Many Russian workers have gone unpaid for months as the ruble has crashed and inflation has skyrocketed.

U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke began talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Wednesday. The talks are the beginnings of increased pressure from the West on Milosevic to withdraw from Kosovo. The U.S is threatening airstrikes if its demands are not met.

National

The House of Representatives is expected to vote to hold impeachment hearings against President Clinton this week. The House Judiciary Committee voted on Monday along party lines to recommend the hearings.

While the threat of impeachment looms eminent, the President Clinton is denying claims that members of his staff have pressured Democratic members of the House to vote against the proposal for an impeachment inquiry.

Wildfires are ravaging parts of Southern California. Firefighters are struggling against high temperatures and shifting winds.

John Glenn is preparing for his return trip to space aboard the space shuttle in three weeks. Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, will become the oldest person to have ever traveled in space.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Students take advantage of a sunny fall afternoon to join in the German-American celebration on campus Tuesday.

Local

Metro Nashville teachers are in a work slowdown as their contract negotiations continue. The teachers work only the 7 1/2 hours that they are required under their existing contract. This means many teachers arrive only 15 minutes before school starts and leave 15 minutes after the last bell rings. The teachers are calling for a five percent pay raise. Under Tennessee law, teachers are not allowed to strike.

Police are examining the remains of Donna Farr to determine the cause of death. Farr, missing since March, had been on her way to church when she disappeared. Her remains were found in a field off of Concord Road in Williamson County. Police are hoping that evidence found with the body will help them solve what happened to Farr.

Business

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday that the outlook for the U.S. economy has weakened. Greenspan said the continuing turmoil in the Russian and Asian markets are dragging the U.S. economy down.

Chrysler is recalling more than 500,000 cars and minivans. The cars may have faulty wiring that will cause the car to roll when put in Park. The minivans are being recalled to correct seatbelts connected to integrated child safety seats.

The Nashville tourism community is chalking up the 1998 summer season as a one year drop and are currently making plans for the future. The closing of Opryland coupled with the April tornadoes hurt dramatically cut tourism in the Mid-state.

Sports

The Nashville Predators open their inaugural season Saturday night in the Nashville Arena. The Predators, who finished the preseason with a 3-3 tie against St. Louis Tuesday, will face off against the Florida Panthers at 7:10.

The UT Vols are looking to bounce back after the loss of Jamal Lewis to a season ending knee injury. The Vols will face off against the Georgia Bulldogs "between the hedges" in Athens. The winning team will control its own destiny in the SEC East race.

The Tennessee Oilers have a bye week. The team is looking to regroup after starting the season 1-3. The team is already in jeopardy of playing itself out of a playoff.

The baseball playoffs are in full swing. The New York Yankees are facing off against the Cleveland Indians in a rematch of last year's American League Championship Series. The Atlanta Braves are taking on the San Diego Padres in the NLCS. The Braves are looking to shake their label as chronic World Series losers.

It is just three weeks before the Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams tip-off the 1998-99 season. Look for a special basketball preview supplement in three weeks from *The Babbler*.

Steve Shirley lost his sole grip of first place in the Sports Prognosticators contest. By picking Washington over Dallas, he allowed Kim Chaudoin to come into a tie for first. This week should go a long way in deciding who will take the lead into the midpoint of the contest. Check out all the details on page 14.

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Intramural field primed and ready for another year of use

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BY JACOB PARKER
BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

Fans and intramural athletes are beginning to appreciate the improved conditions of the intramural field.

Gone are the days of standing water and black grass. Intramural director Andy Mankin and his staff are working diligently to make the intramural field a better place for athletics.

"We are trying to make vast improvements in the field conditions this year," Mankin said. Improved conditions help not only with cosmetic appeal, but it helps prevent injuries as well.

"Good field conditions can drastically reduce the amounts and severity of injuries athletes receive," said Jim Maddux, Finance major, Chattanooga.

Maddux tore his ACL while playing soccer this summer. Involved in sports his whole life, Maddux has learned to appreciate a well-kept field.

The need for field renovation was sparked by an unusually messy football season last year.

"Football season really tore up the

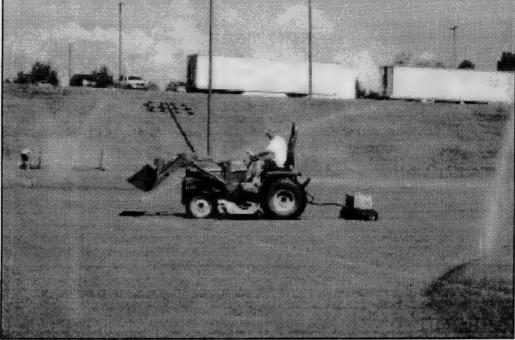


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Andy Mankin prepares the intramural field for another year of sports.

softball outfield last year," Mankin said.
"I realized that something must be done to improve the quality of the field."

That "something" involved hiring a

full-time summer grounds crew. The crew was led by Mankin and included three Lipscomb students Will Daly, Larry Nesbit and Randy Howell.

They worked five days a week for the majority of the summer. Their only goal was to improve the conditions of the playing surface, took the form of many jobs.

During the summer, they laid 1,000 square feet of sod, sowed 600 pounds of grass seed, and spread three tons of sand throughout the infield. Accomplishing such drastic improvements within the perimeters of a \$2,500 budget is amazing.

The end of summer, and the beginning of school, has brought on softball and the need for more student workers.

Mankin found the help he was looking for in Chris Jones, Business communication major, Chattanooga. Jones has contributed daily to the upkeep of the field.

"It's a rewarding experience to see how good the field looks when all the hard work is done," Jones said.

Jones works three to five days a week maintaining the field. Thanks to the ground crew, Lipscomb's intramural field is now a prized possession, rather than an afterthought.

Spiritual Life Committee seeks God's direction

BY BUDDY JOHNSON SGA BEAT WRITER

The Spiritual Life Committee is planning for the future.

They are organized, primed and ready for action.

For those who do not know what they do, the Spiritual Life Committee focuses on the spiritual welfare of the campus.

The committee is in charge of Tuesday night devotionals and Friday chapels. They also organize all retreats and revivals aimed at spiritual growth.

Small group bible studies are another area of focus for the committee. Sign-ups for spring semester study groups will be in the spring.

Brett Harrison, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee, said that the group is always looking for ways to improve the spiritual atmosphere on campus. He said the committee is always open to suggestions from students.

"We need ideas," Harrison said.

With the help of students, the Spiritual Life Committee is constantly coming up with areas of service.

"I just want all the students here at Lipscomb to see the opportunities that are here and to get involved," said Kelly Reddick, committee member.

The opportunities are readily available. Fall Revival is next week. Mike Tanaro will be speaking on "In the Shadow of the Cross."

A fast is scheduled for after the Tuesday night devotional on Oct. 21. It will be a 24-hour fast and will end on the 22nd with an on-campus worship service at 6 p.m. and dinner afterwards.

On January 22-24, the Spiritual Life Committee will hold a winter retreat at Hickory Hills Camp in Dickson.

The fall retreat had about 90 participants and was a motivational time of spiritual growth.

"The group was really focused on what we were there for," said Kevin Duncan, committee member.

Committee meetings are open to the public. The Spiritual Life Committee usually meets at 7:30 on Monday nights.

The Spiritual Life Committee keps close contact with the Lipscomb administration and has a working relationship with them.

So, how can the student body, as a whole, be of service?

"Pray for our campus," said Harrison.
"This committee knows the power of prayer." ■

This article was the second in a six-part series on the SGA and its committees.

Next week, the series will focus on the academic committee.

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Long term investment strategies ease volatility of markets

BY PARKER POLIDOR FINANCIAL WRITER

Since mid-August, the stock market has been like a see-saw with large swings in both directions.

The culprit this time, like before, seems

to be the overseas markets, specifically Asian and Latin American. Domestic companies that do a lot of business with these foreign countries have seen their stock prices plummet.

The Dow Jones is off roughly 20% from its peak. With all of this volatility, how can the average investor keep on investing without losing his shirt?

To help answer that question, here are some suggestions that

will make your walk down Wall Street a little less treacherous.

First, when all the monkeys on the evening news start yaking about a 200 point decline in the market, don't pay any

You always have to consider the percentage drop, not the point drop. Presently, a 200 point drop in the Dow is equal to a stock slipping to \$97.50 from \$100. No big

Next, practice what is known as dollar

to guess the right time to buy. Since you small and large caps with bonds and forare buying at a combination of different prices, your average cost should be less than your average share price. Therefore, you can purchase more shares for the same amount of money.

eign firms is a well diversified portfolio.

The object of a diversified portfolio is to lower risk while increasing return.

Mutual funds are usually the best way for the average investor to accomplish Finally, whether the market is bullish diversification. However, you may need a

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LU develops MBA program

BY JESSICA HOLCOMB BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

Lipscomb University is currently developing a master of business administration program. The university is adding the MBA program to the graduate school. It will begin in the fall of 1999.

According to the course description, the program will "sharpen the skills and broaden the perspectives of individuals working in today's global marketplace."

The program will consist of 12 courses, translating into 36 semester hours. Dr. Perry G. Moore, interim director of the program, said that the classes offered are "accelerated in format." Classes are on nights and weekends so that full-time students can obtain a degree in 12 months and part-time students can obtain a degree in 18 to 20 months.

The categories of classes for the curriculum are: core curriculum, general electives, and concentration electives. Similar to general education courses, students must complete all core curriculum classes. The only general elective requirement is a course with a minimum of three hours. Students may select a course from any concentration for a general elective.

The concentration electives make up the majority of the course load. The four concentrations are: accounting, healthcare management, non-profit management, and leadership

Lipscomb University's MBA program is offering the only non-profit concentration in the state.

Lipscomb set a goal to have at least 20 students enrolled in the first year of the

"Everything has come together for the program," said Moore. "There has been an uprising of support.'

A mailing list of approximately 150 potential students is waiting for information about Lipscomb's MBA program.

Administration has not finalized the costs for the MBA program. It is anticipated that tuition will range between \$400 and \$450 per credit hour. This price does include all text required of the courses.

All students who wish for financial assistance should look into scholarships, work-studies, and federal loans.

To date, administration has not completed applications for admission. The set date for the release of the applications is sometime this fall with Lipscomb's Homecoming weekend being the final deadline.

Moore hopes that Lipscomb's new MBA program will build on Lipscomb's "outstanding reputation for producing top notch business grads."

Lipscomb students help dedicate Habitat House

STAFF WRITER

"If your brother becomes poor, and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall maintain him..." (Leviticus 25:35.)

This verse is part of the inspiration behind Habitat for Humanity, the non-profit organization which builds low-cost homes in partnership with low-income families and the Nashville community. It also serves as a challenge to the many students and faculty members who volunteered to help build the first Lipscomb-supported Habitat House over the past month.

"The verse is about helping brothers and sisters in need," said Allison Chrestman, a representative from Habitat for Humanity. "Lipscomb University definitely rose to that need."

The home, which Lipscomb helped build, now belongs to Ilene Davis, a single mother of two. It was constructed over four weeks, with volunteers working five hour shifts on Saturdays and Sundays, and dedicated in a ceremony on Oct. 4.

Those involved in the project expressed their pleasure watching the emotions of the



The final crew for the Lipscomb Habitat House build takes a break to celebrate the dedication of the home:

family who received the house at the dedication. As part of the ceremony, the family was presented with a bible and the house was blessed with a prayer.

"The family was emotional and thrilled over their new home," Chrestman said.

The Habitat project was rewarding not only to the recipients of the house, but also to those who worked on it.

"Habitat House was an amazing experience," said Carrie Turner, SGA vice president and a student volunteer on the project.

"Being able to be part of something that will make a difference in another person's life is truly humbling.

"The students who gave up part of their weekends really put forth a team effort and it was incredible on dedication day to see the fruits of our labor in the house as well as on the face of the recipient.

Others who helped on the house were affected by seeing the people around them working together to make the project a suc-

"I got to meet many people who enjoy helping the way I do," said Sara Cherry, a student volunteer.

Callie Maxson added, "It was a very rewarding experience, even though we weren't the ones being awarded the house."

Chrestman spoke of her appreciation of the SGA for "doing a wonderful job in organizing and communicating between the university and Habitat," as well as others who were involved.

"Nashville area Habitat for Humanity wishes to express their thanks to Lipscomb University and the individual students who worked side by side with the Habitat family in this life-giving partnership."



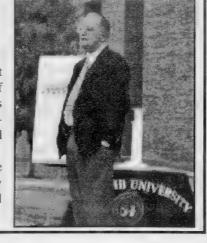
Above: (From left to right) President Steve Flatt, Tom Batey, Ji m Allen, Nancy Allen and Dean Chase break ground on the site of the future Allen Bell Tower. Below: Jim Allen, whose donation is funding the tower construction, addresses the audience.

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The ground is officially broken.

In an official ceremony Friday, President Steve Flatt; Tom Batey, chairman of the board of directors; Jim and Nancy Allen, whose donation is funding construction; and Dean Chase, a representative of the construction firm, broke ground on the site of the future bell tower.

Flatt addressed the audience and thanked the Allens for their work with Lipscomb University and for their contribution towards the Allen Bell Tower.



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Cowboy Show plays to packed crowd

Tau Phi tradition: "Back in the Saddle Again"

BY BUDDY JOHNSON REVIEW

The men in green and white are back. Tau Phi put on the 20th Tau Phi Cowboy Show Saturday night.

The show's slogan was "Back in the Saddle Again," and it came back in a big way. Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium was packed full of fans.

Backed by a Who's Who of country music band, the music was sharp and precise.

The performers enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their talents before the audience. And showcase they did.

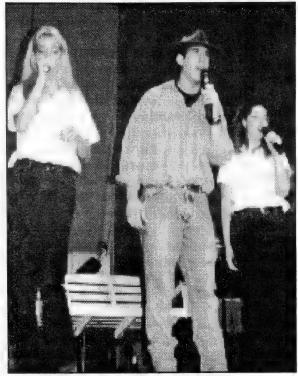
Tau Phi started out with a little "Mountain Music" to get the crowd pumped up.

Things quickly grew silent though, as Whitney Oldham sang "Maybe He'll Notice Her." Many in the audience were fighting back tears at this point.

Ann Teisher's voice was angelic in Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Jon Adcox and Angela Long waxed romantic with "In Another's Eyes."

Owen Compton delighted the crowd with "Swingin." Descending from ceiling

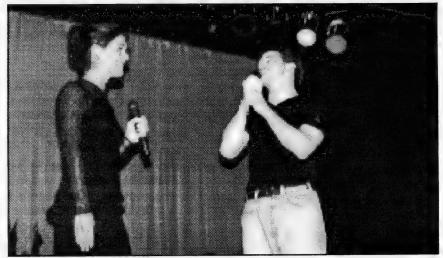


in a swing, Compton then played off the audience's enthusiasm for the remainder of the song.

The showstopper, though, was Andrea Walker's rendition of Janis Joplin's "Bobby McGee. The crowd was roaring at the end.

All of the performers were Lipscomb students. The male cast members were all members of Tau Phi. The female cast members were chosen through tryouts more than a month ago.

The show delighted the audience the



PHOTOS BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Above: Courtney Kelly listens while Matthew McInteer sings "It's Your Love."

Left: Owen Compton, backed by Kristy Riggs (left) and Amy Biles, is just "Swingin."

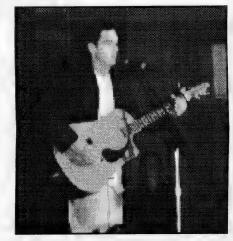
Below: Scott Scrip sings "It Ain't Easy Being Me."

intire evening

Even as people filed out of the auditorium after the show, they were still humming and singing songs that remained with them

Tau Phi set the standard with this year's performance.

Kudos to director Jon Adcox and his assistant director Scott Scrip. These two, with the help of Jessica Haslam and Andrea Walker, put together an incredible show.



Talent show performers delight audience with variety of acts

BY STEPHEN STURGEON STAFF WRITER

The SGA, as part of the family weekend, hosted a talent show Friday night. More than 300 people watched contestants compete for \$175 in prize money.

Sophomore Ben Davis won first place (\$100) singing his own works "Take Me Away" and "Face Down".

Jason Jackson won second place (\$50) singing "Mr. Moon" and Beginning".

Ironically, prior to his performance, Jackson expressed nervousness at competing.

"I feel like I'm going into a gunfight with only a knife," he said, referring to uncertainty about his chances going up against the competition.

John Gosslee came in third place (\$25) for his poetry.

Highlights of the night included:

Andrew King, Tim Wrinkle and Aaron Wright delighted the audience by dancing to M.C. Hammer's "Can't Touch This," while dressed like out of shape athletes.

Joe Carr was able to draw out some audience participation while singing



PHOTO BY STEPHEN STURGEON

Andrew King, Tim Wrinkle and Aaron Wright prove you "Can't Touch This." The three delighted the crowd with their "talent."

"Emergency Exit."

Chuck Jones gave the crowd an unexpected bonus following the intermission with his performance of "Communist Girlfriend" and "We Shall Overcome."

Though he was not actually competing, Jones still showed his enthusiasm in performing.

Matt Chance and Friends gave an a cappella performance of "In the Still of the Night."

Other performers included Laura Posey singing "And I'm Tellen You I'm Not Going," Tim Wrinkle with a song his father used to sing to him, Julia Reischl with "My All" and Brittani White with "Goin Down."

Amanda Pearyhouse finished the night by singing "Angel."

Norma Maynard, mother of freshman Natasha Maynard, said that she enjoyed watching the show.

"Just to see the kids from school and how far they've come is just wonderful," she said.

Phyllis Oyaro, a junior at DLU, said that her favorite part was the clogging of Jessica Porter and Laura Ellis.

Ward Boon, who sang "Mission Man," said that he was glad he got the opportunity to perform.

"I like to sing a whole lot and on stage I can let loose," he said.

Matthew McInteer, SGA president, addressed the crowd before the prizes were awarded. McInteer said that he hoped every one had fun at Family Weekend

McDowell said that he was impressed with the show and the turnout.

"The level of talent is very high," he said. "I just thought the turn out was great. SGA did a good job."

PERSPECTIVES

Editorials

The SGA could learn thing or two from Wiffle Ball tourney

We hope the SGA was taking notes at the softball field Tuesday.

In a unique and exciting venture, several resident assistants from High Rise organized a 3-on-3 Wiffle Ball tournament that matched eight teams in a double elimination format.

The action was intense and the competitive feelings were real. The students competing wanted to win.

It was interesting to note, that while the competition was organized for High Rise residents, several other students showed up to watch. Throughout the afternoon, as student walked by on the sidewalks, they stopped to watch the action. Many of those that watched wondered aloud if they could play, too.

The question is a good one.

Will the SGA pick up this idea and run with it? Can we expect a campus-wide

Wiffle Ball tournament in the future? We should.

This tournament was an example of money well spent. For probably about \$10 (the cost of two bats and six balls) the R.A.s were able to put together a tournament that around 25 students enjoyed. That breaks down to about \$0.40 per person. Talk about sound fiscal management.

The SGA should be on the lookout for ways to involve more students in campus activities. If a Wiffle Ball tournamanet can get 25 involved, a home run derby can get 60 involved, a writer's night can get 75 involved and a talent show can get 250 involved, then we are on our way to getting every student involved in campus activities.

Here is to hoping for more inovative activites and events from the SGA and others.

The silence is deafening

It is the seventh issue of *The Babbler* and we now have our second letter to the editor. What a frightening thought.

It is frightening to think about what is happening to the idea of expression of thought. There once was a time when students fought for the opportunity to be heard. They demonstrated to make sure that others knew their opinions.

But not today.

Across the country, student newspapers are lamenting the loss of expression from students. It seems that a trend is establishing itself.

Have students become spoiled by their freedoms? Do we take for granted the fact that we are free to express ourselves?

One would hope that students would take advantage of the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning issues that surround us. There is so much to discuss this year, yet there seems to be no dialogue of any kind. Is there nothing of importance to talk about anymore?

This paper has taken great measures to ensure that students have a forum to express themselves before the entire student body. There is no need to go "underground" to voice opinions. There is no need to keep opinions bottled up for lack of a forum. *The Babbler* is devoting two full pages to opinions this year so that students know they can be heard.

We hope that students will use these pages as a place to share with their fellow students ideas and opinions. This country was built on the dream that all men and women are free to share with one another their ideas and beliefs. The Babbler believes in that dream.

Letters to the Editor

Plea for students to keep the Student Center clean

Dear Editor:

Top six reasons why students should not trash the student center:

- 6. You didn't bring your mother with you to college (with the possible exception of Parents' Weekend.)
- 5. You are defacing the new carpet and upholstery that you just paid for.
- A 2-10 ft. walk-and-toss would get you a little exercise.
- 3. You make the other 99% of the student body look bad.
- 2. Twisting your *Babbler* and throwing it on the floor is not the prescribed way to show the *Babbler* staff that you disagree with something.
 - 1. It's not what Jesus would do.

Mary Carrigan Box 4250

Letters to the Editor

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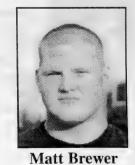
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Student Voices

What was the most memorable event of the past baseball season?



Bradley RoarkCal Ripken sitting out a game.



Kerry Wood's 20 strike-out game.



Chad High

Brant Brown dropping a routine fly ball forcing the Cubs into a one game playoff. What a mistake!



Ronnie Henderson

Big Mac's 62nd home run. Anything else would be uncivilized.

Machines make life easier?

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio -- I've often been accused of overanalyzing. Those accusations crossed my mind as I sat impatiently in the computer lab the other day. Stabbing angrily at the mouse button trying to get Netscape to start up, I started seriously thinking about these machines that surround me 24 hours a day.

Whether you're one of those fuzzy chimpanzees sticking twigs into termite nests for National Geographic cameras, or you've just hurriedly thrown a bag of Pop Secret into the microwave because you've only got two minutes before the drumroll signals that Letterman's about to start in on tonight's Top Ten List, machines are pretty handy.

Unfortunately, as any 1950s B-movie will mercilessly preach, all this technology has got some serious down sides. I don't just mean the library's printer breaking down an hour before your presentation on effective time management is due. I'm referring to the emotional turmoil our overdependence on these friendly little machines can cause.

I can remember one long, excruciating afternoon of leaving messages on answering machines, fruitlessly trying to reach people's voice mail accounts and accidentally dialing a wrong number with my swollen index finger to have a rude fax machine screech e-profanities at me through the receiver. I hadn't spoken to anyone with a larynx in hours, and a day of dealing with inhuman metal monsters had left my nervous system tired and frazzled.

As I made one last call to order a gift from a 1-800 mail order catalog, I honestly wasn't sure what one more automated phone menu was going to do to me.

The phone rang on the other end and I waited uncertainly for the stale recorded message I was bound to receive. "Hello," a young woman's voice said. "How can I help you?"

Something stirred deep in my soul at the sound of a living, breathing person, akin only to the kind of excitement Charlton Heston would have felt in "Planet of the Apes" had he come across another human being who spoke English as melodramatically as he did. I sobbed to this young woman for five minutes, practically performing a complete psychoanalysis on myself, trying to explain how beautiful it was that she hadn't been born in Silicon

There are all sorts of weird, primal archetypes machines seem to awaken in

For example, when the red "service engine soon" light on the dashboard of my old '86 Buick used to flash like the buzzing neon sign above a strip club, my first reaction was frustration. But when I actually thought for a second about it, I realized what scared me the most was the fact that I had absolutely no idea what could be wrong with my engine.

I can't even tell you how a car works, apart from that you pull in, pay at the pump, and pull out again, a fact which I believe the kind gentleman at my local BP Procare took full advantage of when I brought the Mighty Buick in for repairs.

Perhaps it's merely an overactive imagination on my part, combined with one too many late-night sci-fi flicks, but I sometimes worry that our ignorant overdependence on these stainless steel beasts of burden is going to be our downfall.

I was in Revco a while ago picking up a prescription and trying to pay with my Visa. The kid behind the counter shook his head and told me that due to a satellite failure, I couldn't pay with a credit card. He apologized and said he hoped I wasn't

"No," I replied, retreating into the detached sentimentality I tend to visit too often. "I'm just glad I'm not somebody who needs his heart medication and can't get it because a satellite malfunction won't let

In my distracted efforts to exit the pharmacy, I nearly bumped into a quiet elderly lady waiting in line behind me whose face had been suddenly contorted in lines of worry.

Whether it's because humanity is dangerously dependent on machines it doesn't really understand, or because I've got some serious anxiety issues my therapist and I are going to have talk about, machines have always seemed to possess the frightening ability to play all sorts of games with my emotional well-being.

Maybe the best thing for me to do is shut up, microwave some popcorn, and watch some Letterman.

Steele Nowlin is a columnist for the Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

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The Spiritual Column

Where have all the role models gone?

of adultery and lying has reminded me how few role models there are in our national society.

The President certainly isn't one. Instead of holding him up as a hero, many Americans are asking, "How do I explain him to my children?"

The sports scene isn't any better. Children conceived outside of marriage by professional athletes are scattered across the landscape, and drug suspensions and

spousal abuse accusations pop up almost every

the entertainment industry? Madon- soon as they surface. na? Michael Jack-

son? The Spice Girls? Are you kidding?

Where have all the role models gone? Actually, they've gone the way our culture has gone. We live in a nation that has both sanitized and demonized wrongdoing. Dishonesty, promiscuity, adultery, greed, getting drunk and getting high-we tolerate them and, more importantly, we ourselves practice them more than did our parents and grandparents. We don't want to see these characteristics in our chil-

On the other hand, we also have created a society that tears down potential role models as soon as they surface.

dren's role models, but we have helped

install them as a part of life in our society.

Al Gore, our squeaky-clean Vice-President? "Possible illegal campaign fund-raising."

Home run hitter Mark McGwire? his definition. tarnished image.'

Michael Jordan, Mr. Basketball?

John Glenn, ex-Senator and resurrected astronaut? "He's taking an ego trip into space at taxpayers expense."

When a new potential role model appears we investigate him or her to dig up whatever dirt there might be. That's true in politics. It's also true in sports, in entertainment, and in other areas of life.

Who wants to have their life examined with a fine tooth comb in full public view? Everyone has skeletons somewhere in the closet. As long as we demand virtual per-

President Clinton's public confession fection from our public figures we will never have the role models we're looking

> Maybe we need to look somewhere else-some place no farther away than our homes and our friends. Right in our own community there are many people who are faithful to their spouses, caring for their children, and dependable on their jobs. They may not be perfect, but they're still good examples to follow.

In fact, like it or not, we ourselves are

role models for We have created a our children and their friends. We society that tears down may even be role How about potential role models as models for the adults around us, who turn to us either for inspira-

tion or to find an excuse for their behavior.

We can't avoid it, and wishing it weren't so won't make it go away. That's part of being a leader, whether one is leading a family, a group of people who get together to play golf, a department at work, a Scout troop, a study group, or a nation. It's true whether that leadership is official or de facto.

While there are times when I rebel against it, the realization that I'm a role model often fires me up. When I think of the impact I can have on children, my adrenaline starts flowing. I can think of few things more rewarding in life than knowing I have been a positive influence in the lives of kids on their way up.

St. Paul was a public figure with a less than perfect life, but he openly invited

people to make him Jesus is the only their role model, and "Seems to be a nice enough man, but he perfect role model. he set some strict standards for himself uses a controversial The rest of us are when he encouraged muscle-building going to be flawed by his readers to "be followers of me, as I am a follower of Christ."

> Now there's a challenge! Jesus is the only perfect role model. The rest of us are going to be flawed by definition. As long as we recognize that fact, we can find role models all around us. Some may be famous public figures, but the vast majority will be ordinary people just like us who are seeking with God's help to live honorable lives.

Don Lindman is a pastor and a current "Crossroads" columnist for The Amy Foundation.

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Underground cave system lies beneath Lipscomb campus

BY KYLE GIBSON

BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

Deep below the well-manicured lawns and high-tech architecture of the Lipscomb campus lies something that only a small number of people know about, and something that even fewer people have actually seen.

No, it's not Hoffa's body or the David Lipscomb scrolls, but a massive system of caves that run all the way to 100 Oaks Mall

"It's a pretty extensive system," said Patrick Cameron, chapel coordinator for Lipscomb University. "I've never been down there, but I'd love to go."

When you walk by the softball field and see that fence up that looks as it's just there to keep people away from a big tree, you are actually seeing a sinkhole from a few years back, and that's not the only one on campus.

Brent High, sports information director, recalled the building of the softball field and a major sinkhole that was found

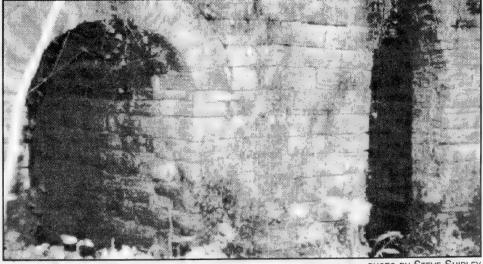


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The entrances to the cave system are visible but walled off now.

there.

When the softball field was dug up, a worker was shoveling on what is now the first base line when his shovel suddenly disappeared into the ground.

"They then took a piece of 30-feetlong pipe and stuck it down that hole," High said. "It never hit ground."

High also said that right now there is a sinkhole forming in the corner of the Lady Bison softball batting cage. Whoever is pitching batting practice better not take a step backwards.

If it ever rains in Nashville again, go

look at the outfield of the softball field, and "you can see where it dips down," High said.

High and Cameron believe that these caves could have been used during the Civil War by troops to hide away in. There are two tunnels that are visible in the wintertime at the church where Caldwell Road meets Franklin Road. Civil War soldiers used these tunnels as a safe haven during the war.

Now that you know there is a different world beneath our feet, is it at all accessible? Dr. Tim Johnson has taken a group down there, and that there have been a couple of renegade students to sneak into the caves.

However, for now, the only feasible entry to the caves is walled up, so it would be tough to get into the caves again.

So, if you ever see steam coming up from the ground or out of a drain, it's just from the large system of caves that we are standing on. Or maybe it's just heat from the sweatshops run by Nike down there, but that's a different story.

Princeton student earns 13 perfect A.P test scores

Princeton student earns 13 perfect A.P. est scores

Daily Princetonian (Princeton U.)

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. -- Disney World can add Kush Parmar '02's name to its list of Super Bowl quarterbacks, World Series home run hitters and lotto winners who celebrate their success by going to its theme park. Parmar received a score of five on 13 Advanced Placement exams, and he is going to Disney World.

Parmar was chosen as one of two national A.P. scholars to address an audience of educators during the annual National Forum, a three-and-a-half day educational conference in November, being held at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. this year.

According to Doug Lynch, director of the College Board member services, and one of the event's coordinators, the conference is an opportunity for teachers, counselors and College Board members to attend workshops and discuss new and current curriculums.

"It's the granddaddy of all educational conferences," Lynch said. "As part of the conference we recognize outstanding A.P. scholars in the country. These students tend to be pretty outstanding. If you imagine, these are the top students in the country."

Advanced Placement scholars are selected by the number of Advanced Placement exams they took and their scores on each one. There are 1500 A.P. scholars in the United States and Canada. Out of this number, six were chosen to attend the conference, and two were chosen to speak.

Lynch said this year, Washington Post education writer Jay Matthews will be pre-

senting the six scholars with awards.

In addition to honoring their achievement, the purpose of inviting the six scholars is to provide the teachers with a student's perspective about the A.P. program.

"They want to get a view from the other side of the fence," Parmar said.

Parmar took 15 A.P. exams in subjects ranging from Art History to Physics C, Mechanics. He began enrolling in A.P. classes and taking tests during his sophomore year.

In his speech he plans to discuss the importance of further improving the curriculums and spreading the program to less-privileged schools.

According to Parmar, one of the things that makes the A.P. program so valuable is that it gives students more control over their education.

"Although you are learning for the test in a sense, you take the A.P.s you want to take, it's not part of the required curriculum, so you learn what you want to learn," Parmar said.

Most importantly, Parmar also wants to discuss the influence of his A.P. teachers and the A.P. curriculum.

Although Parmar lived in El Sarallon, Veracruz, Mexico, he attended Four Pine Crest Preparatory School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"My school was very A.P. oriented," Parmar said. "I think basically it's the advanced level, the college level, that they taught me that helped a lot . . . the writing aspect really helped too because a lot of the tests involved writing."

Parmar was offered advanced standing by Princeton University; however, he has not yet decided whether to accept it.

"I'm still thinking about it," he said.

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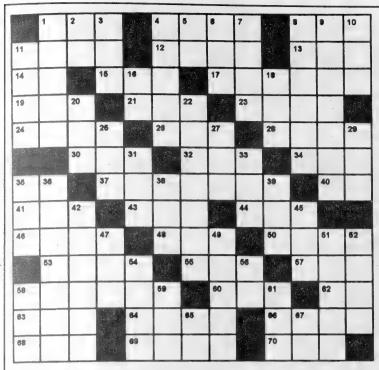
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The real reason Bald Eagles are becoming extinct.

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"OK, who gets the beetle sampler?"

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Coming Events

SGA Bowling night is planned for Oct. 9. Call 1831 for more info.

The Crisis Pregnancy Support Center will hold its 14th annual Run for Life on Oct. 10. The Run, the biggest fundraising event for the CPSC, will be held at the Brentwood Academy track starting at 8 a.m. Call 321-4739 for more info.

The Nashville Predators open their inaugural season Oct. 10 against the Florida Panthers at 7 p.m. in the Nashville Arena.

A Lipscomb in Vienna 1999 informational meeting is planned for Oct. 11. The meeting will be in Swang 102 at 7:30 p.m. Call 2591 for more info.

Free Movie Night in Swang is planned for Oct. 11. Call 1831 for more info.

The Fall Revival is scheduled for Oct. 12-14. Mike Tanaro will be the featured speaker at 7 p.m. each night.

Lipscomb University Concert Band presents its fall concert on Oct. 12 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

Lipscomb University Jazz Band presents its fall concert on Oct. 20 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

Lipscomb University Artist Series presents Fretwork Nov. 3. The concert is scheduled for Ward Lecture Auditorium at 8 p.m. The concert is free with Lipscomb i.d. Call 2258 for more information.

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SPORTS

Last week's results

Kim Chaudoin 9-2

Sean McAfee 8-3 Steve Shirley 8-3

Jeremy Sowders 7-4

Dr. Jim White 8-3 Matt Baggett 6-5



Matt Baggett
"The New Guy"



Kim Chaudoin
"Token Female"



Games of the Week

Sean McAfee
"The Mac"



Steve Shirley
"The Boss Man"



Jeremy Sowders "The Kat"



Guest Guesser Scott McDowell

Matt Baggett 6-5	"The New Guy"	"Token Female"	"The Mac"	"The Hoss Man"	I lie Kat	Scott McDowch
Tennessee vs Georgia	Georgia Vols can't do it without Jamal.	UT DEFENSE!	Tenn. Georgia can't pull off two upsets.	Bulldogs Loss of Jamal hurts.	Georgia Bailey is what Woodson dreams he could be	Tennessee Vols will run the table
Ole Miss vs. Alabama	Ole Miss Who knows?!	Bama Bounce back strong after tough Gator loss.	Alabama Tide upset about loss to Florida.	Tide Boys from Bama are streaky though.	Ole Miss Mike Dubose is gone after the year	Ole Miss Tide should turn out the lights, the party's over.
LSU vs. Florida	Florida Gators chomp Tigers.	Fla. Gators will be strong at home.	Fla. Home field advantage.	Gators No visitors win in the swamp.	LSU Gators stunned by Tigers	LSU Spurrier deserves whatever he gets.
Auburn vs. Miss. St.	Miss. St. Tiger's "O" is struggling.	Miss. St. Bulldogs will be tough at home.	Auburn Just a hunch	Bulldogs Auburn offense can't score touchdowns	Auburn Little Napolean gets troops on right track	Miss. St. Jackie will have the bullies ready.
UCLA vs. Arizona	UCLA McNown strengthens Heisman bid.	UCLA Good match. UCLA scratches out a win.	UCLA Arizona barely beat Washington.	Cats UCLA stumbles in first true test of the year.	Arizona Steve must know something	UCLA Bruins return to former glory
Nebraska vs. Texas A & M	Nebraska Huskers pull away late.	Nebraska Sorry Aggies!	Nebraska Huskers bounce back and kill Aggies.	Huskers A&M won't stay as close as OSU did.	A&M You have to believe in the underdog	Nebraska Just another patsy on the schedule
Kansas St. vs. Colorado	Wildcats Fiesta Bowl implications for Cats.	K. State Another good match. K. State stronger team.	K. State What?! K. State plays a ranked team!	Wildcats Buffs bigger pretenders than K. State.	Colorado K-State shocked to discover ranked opponent	Colorado In memory of the McCartney era.
Purdue vs. Wisconsin	Wisconsin Badger Defense dominates.	Wisconsin Badgers will upend Boilermakers.	Wisconsin Second best team in Big Ten.	Badgers Badger "D" clamps down on Boilermaker "O"	Boliermakers Rod Dayne is a fraud	Purdue Rod Woodson's alma mater.
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati	Steelers Get on the Bus.	Steelers Tough road game for Steelers.	Pitt Bengals can't seem to win anything.	Steelers Bengals don't have anything.	Cincy Read it and weep McDowell	STEELERS Bye week heals the line Kordell gets untracked
Denver vs. Seattle	Denver Seahawks sputter without Moon.	Broncos Elway will lead the charge.	Broncos Denver could go 16-0 this year.	Broncos Elway & Co. crush Seahawks	Seattle It is time for Elway to crash and burn	Broncos We all know the Seahawks are pretenders.
San Francisco vs.New Orleans	San Francisco Young & Rice, who can beat 'em.	49ers Another ex-Montana fan.	SF Saints most overrated 3-1 team in league.	49ers No doubt.	Saints Hey49ers lost to Buffalo	49ers Saints get a taste of reality.
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Nebraska vs. Texas A&M	1. All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 4pm
Kansas St. vs. Colorado	2. Only one entry per contestant per week.3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but
Purdue vs. Wisconsin	will only be entered into final drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati	coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and
Denver vs. Seattle	will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.
San Francisco vs. New Orleans	Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records

Kim Chaudoin	40-14
Steve Shirley	40-14
Sean McAfee	34-20
Matt Baggett	34-20
Jeremy Sowders	32-22

Last week's "I Beat *The Babbler*" student winners: No contestants had a better record than Dr. White's 8-3.

Last week's overall student champion:
Jake Wilson with a record of 83. Jake won the tie-breaker over David Parker.

SWABS

Intramurals Independent League

Monday Night October 5

Bad News Bear		Blue Haggards	21
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SWABS	11	Big Guns	29

Big Guns

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Tuesday Night October 6

Tres Delquintes	11	Preemptive Strike	29
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The Fall Independent Tournament will be held October 12-14.

The Men's and Women's Social Club Tournament will be Sunday October 11.

See Andy Mankin for times and rules.

The Cheap Seats:

Now that we've been introduced

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY COLUMNISTS

Tally-ho, sports fans! We have yet another exciting week of sports to write about. We've got football, marching band, and baseball. You name it, we've got it. We're all over it like spraypaint on the Bison. So without further adieu, here's this

◆The Braves escorted themselves to their 7th consecutive National League Series this week. They played a near perfect series while sweeping their division opponent for the third year in a row. Sorry Cubs fans, but it's time to hibernate until next year. The only thing that can stop these guys is the roast beef in the cafeteria. As Harry Caray would say, "Holy Cow!

◆Right when you thought Tennessee might have an extraordinary year, the goal posts cam tumbling down. Jamal Lewis, who has already rushed for 497 yards on 73 carries, tore a knee ligament in Saturday's 17-9 win over Auburn. He will definitely be out for the rest of the year. However, even with this bad news, they are still better off without Peyton "Twinkle Toes"

◆As soon as Prairie View A&M broke its 80 game losing streak, it was handed its worst defeat ever. Two weeks ago, Prairie View's marching band got into a knock out, all out brawl with the other marching band at a game. Seven band members were injured as the musicians beat each other over the head with trumpets, flutes and even tubas. The band was supposed to be

suspended for two games. But, being the rebels they are, they marched anyway. Now, all Prairie View athletics are suffering. They have to forfeit all their games against conference opponents. It's gotta be embarrassing to explain how you got those flute impressions on your face.

◆Remember when Bud Adams said that Nashvillians would have a hand in renaming the Tennessee Oilers? Well here's our chance . . . sort of. Adams is holding a contest for citizens to guess the name he will pick. Wahoo!? The names so far are: Pioneers, Tradition, Wolves, Commanders, Fury, and some others.

Our suggestions: the Copperheads or the Hillbillies.

- ◆In the ever-popular world of taekwando, Adam Longoria of Houston, Texas, won the National Black Belt League Championship last week. He used his hands, feet and head to smash more than 30 bricks. Man, this guy sure is hard-head-
- ◆College football quickies: Ohio State tightened their grip on the No. 1 ranking; the clock ran out on LSU against Georgia; Texas Tech is 5-0 and still unranked; the Gators almost got swept away by the Tide; Tennessee dodged the bullet against Auburn; the Commodores almost won their first game, but the Horned Frogs slipped away in OT.

Well, that's about all we have to say. Until next week, attend some classes, play sports, go to chapel and watch Sportscenter. You know we will. And remember, the view is always better from "The Cheap Seats."

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Volleyball:

Oct. 9-10 @ Univ of the South Tourn. TBA Oct. 13 @ Freed Hardeman 7 p.m.

Cross Country:

Oct. 10 @ Austin Peay Invitational 10 a.m. Men Women 10:45 a.m.

denotes home game

Help wanted:

The Babbler is looking for sportswriters to help with the Basketball Preview Special. If you are wondering what it is like to write for the paper, here is your chance to try it out with little pressure. Give Matt a call at 1829 if you are interested.

Bisons Roar Hosting Meet; Men 1st, Women 3rd The Sports Column

By Chara Patterson STAFF WRITER

Sheets of rain poured down minutes before Lipscomb hosted its first David Lipscomb Invitational Meet. Vaughn's gap and the 3.1 mile women's course became filled with puddles. The rain stopped as represen- Mari-etta Mahaffey tatives of six different schools stepped



РНОТО ВУ BRAD HAM leads the pack.

up to the starting line.

Lipscomb's women finished in third place overall, trailing behind Park College from Missouri and the University of the South. Caroline Nelson, Brittany Burton, and Natalie Montgomery led the Lady Bisons and finished within the top twenty-

Lipscombs women's cross country team is getting better with every meet and their times prove it. The competition seems to be getting tougher each week as

"Of the three years I have run, the team is the strongest it has been, this year," cross country veteran Erin Grogan said. "It is annoying that every other girl's team seems to have improved since last year

The cross-country team will once again race difficult teams this Saturday at Austin Peay.

BY BRAD HAM STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, during Family Weekend the Bison cross-country team ran in the Lipscomb invitational. It was a rainy morning, but by race time the rain had stopped, the ground was wet and soft. The rain cooled off the air a little. The five teams there were ready to run.

The University of the South, Birmingham Southern, Lambuth University and Martin Methodist College were the teams that competed along with Lipscomb. For the seniors it would be their last Lipscomb race in Nashville.

It was off to a good start for the Bisons as David Scott lead the race for about the first 1 1/2 miles. Lipscomb ran hard through the whole race and in the the end Tim Lavender finished in second place for the meet with a time of 29:34. Behind him for the Bisons were Jeff Swindell, Dennis Marquardt and Matt Steidl in 4th, 5th and 6th places.

It was a battle for 8th place between Lipscomb's Sean Boynes and the University of the South's Gary Finke. As they came around to the last leg of the five mile race Boynes saw Finke start his final kick.

'I stayed on my pace," said Boynes. "As I broke for the finish I heard everybody cheering."

As they neared the finish line Boynes gave it all he had and passed Finke only a few feet before the line. He beat Fink by only 19 hundredths of a second to get 8th



РНОТО ВУ BRAD HAM

The Lipscomb team leads the pack at the start of the race.

place in the race.

"If the fans make an effort to come out and watch us," said Boynes," then the least I can do is make a good effort at the finish. I try to put on a show for them."

Dan Turner finished 10th making it six runners in the top ten for Lipscomb. The Bisons won the meet by 17 points over the University of the South.

The fact that Lipscomb won this race on Family Weekend made it special for the

"I put a lot of emphasis on this race because my parents and brother drove all night and I wanted to put forth extra effort to show my appreciation for them being there," said Paul Hillesheim, a senior for

The Bisons will hit the ground running again this weekend at Fort Campbell, KY in the Austin Peay Invitational.

What's up Ump?

As the season baseball desperately needed draws to a close, we look back on the things that made this the best season ever.

We look at the homerun race, the end of Streak," the perfect game by David Wells...We note the



SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

accomplishments of Barry Bonds, Alex Rodriguez and Kerry Wood. For the players and fans is has definitely been the greatest season ever.

As for the umpires, this has been one of the worst years in recent memory. There have been more blown calls, more controversial plays and smaller strike zones that the game has ever seen. Come to think of it, maybe that is why the top four homerun hitters averaged 60.5 homeruns. Nah, the ball isn't juiced. The umpires desire to go home and watch themselves on Sportscenter is juiced.

Remember when Roberto Alomar spat in the face of an umpire last year? I thought that was the most heinous act ever committed on a baseball field. Now, I wonder how players keep from doing it more often. For example, in St. Louis, fans will quickly tell you that Mark Mc-Gwire did not hit 70 homeruns this year, he hit 71.5, an accurate figure after the call that Bruce Davdison said was fan interference. Adding that to the numerous foul calls messed up, the tags missed and the strike zone depletion, you get...downright pathetic umpires.

This reoccurring phenomenon was most notable in the first round of the playoffs, the first incident coming with the ejection of Indians manager Mike Hargrove. For two straight pitches Sandy Alomar didn't even move his glove on pitches right down the middle by Dwight Gooden, but the umpire decided they were too low to be strikes. Never mind the fact that he was positioned two feet away from the catcher and wouldn't know a strike from a wld pitch.

Later on, with the blown call at the plate, he not only gave LensCrafters a great new idea for commercials, but also added umpiring to the list of professions blind people should strive to attain.

Finally, we all know how good the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff is. We've been hearing it for several years now. But somehow, umpires are receiving subliminal messages noting that anytime an Atlanta pitcher aims for the outside corner, it is a strike regardless of location. Pretty soon, Tom Glavine will be getting strikes called on his pitchouts.

These are the same umps that locked out in 1995 because they weren't getting enough money. Who needs that? Bring back the replacement umpires.

It's time for some new faces, time for a change, time for some vision...

Literally.

High Rise Wiffle Ball Tournament big hit

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The softball field served as a "field of dreams" for eight wiffle ball teams Tues-

The event: the first ever High Rise 3on-3 wiffle ball tournament.

The goal: the glory and prestige associated with the title of "Lipscomb's Best Wiffle Ball Team."

The event was sponsored by High Rise Resident Assistants Chad High, Bradley "Fire Chief" Roark, Kevin Duncan, and Troy O'Donohoe.

The games were played on two fields situated in the left and right corners of the Lady Bison Softball Field with the batting cages serving as the High Rise equivalent of the Red Sox Green Monster.

At 2:30, eight teams began the tournament. By sunset, two teams remained when darkness postponed the completion of the championship game until Thursday.

Wiffle ball veterans Garth Groce, Craig Bowen, and Adam Hanaber were tied at 0-0 at the top of the seventh with rookies Russell Gentry, Marc Moore, Brian Butler, and Andy "Uke" Mankin, whose team batted four but kept the standard three men in the field.

Tournament action started off with a

bang when Steve Castle, a member of Team "Gibby", ripped the longest home run of the day, hitting the tree outside of the left field fence. Castle also earned the title of "Home Run King" by being the only player to go yard twice during the

The story of the day belonged to the two pitchers who led their teams to the

Craig Bowen, pitching for Groce and Co., allowed one hit and no runs in his first two games of the day.

Russell Gentry, who began the day as a green rookie, pitched three shutouts in a row to put his team in position to win the tournament.

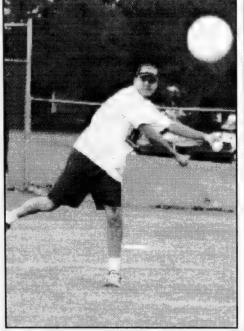
Reactions from the tournament were overwhelmingly positive.

Several participants contacted R.A.'s about planning another tournament.

Matt Sowders had high praise for tour-

"This year's R.S.'s in High Rise have taken programming to a new level," he said. "While they were good when I lived in the dorm, I can't remember any event that was as fun and organized as this tournament was."

Bradley Roark had his own opinion about the tournament.



"The only thing that would have made e tournament a complete and total cess would have been Take(Taka Ito: former L.U. student and friend of Bradley's) throwing out the first pitch. I guess we cannot dwell on what might have been."

Despite the absence of Ito, Roark gave his best Yogi Berraism.

"The tournament as a whole was the tournament as a whole."



Read how the cross country teams did last weekend on page 12.

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Dr. Dennis Hood

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Computer Center addresses Eeyore problems

"We have been having

BY JOHN GOSSLEE STAFF WRITER

As many students can verify, the Lipscomb Computer Center is having problems with one of its servers.

Dr. Dennis Hood, associate director of the computer center and network manager, said that Eeyore is the source of the problems. Eeyore is the server that services half of all student accounts, all computer center accounts and the O: drive.

"We have been having some problems with Eeyore," Hood said. "I talked with six different people at Microsoft to figure out exactly what is causing the problem.

"The symptoms are that when we start the server, the database will run for three or four days. It then corrupts itself at which point all E-mail messages are lost."

Hood explained that the crash Monday night was plagued with 7 million errors in E-mail messages that based on the behavior of the machine is likely to happen

Hood said that finding the source of the problem is proving difficult.

"We don't know where the problem

is," he said.

Hood said there are two ways to fix the problem, either to completely erase everything and build a new computer from scratch or to reinstall the faulty program, which is a 12-hour process.

"Fortunately, we have a dead day (Friday) on the universi-

ty's side," Hood said. Hood said his department is trying to some problems with hold the system Eevore." together until Friday. If he can, Hood said he should be in pretty good shape.

Helen Gore, director of user services, said that many students will be affected by the system repairs on Friday.

"Those of us on Eeyore will not be able to acces the M: drive most of the day or even all day," she said. "Those students on Tigger probably won't be interrupted."

Hood said that the computer center is installing backup hardware so that, when and if there is another crash, files will not

"I'm very optimistic that this will

work," he said. "This is the first time we've ever had the problem this bad on Eeyore."

Hood gave suggestions on how students can avaied losing files.

'Save your E-mail messages in your personal fodlers, because these are backed up on a daily basis," Hood said. "Hopeful-

ly, if you have done this, your messages will not be lost."

Hood went on the explain that the safest way to protect files is to save them onto a diskette.

Gore emphasized the importance of saving work.

"We encourage all students to protect themselves, because sometimes something unknown will happen," she said. "Save all of your work frequently."

In a matter closely related to the system crashes, Hood addressed the problem of students using too much drive space.

"Each student has been delineated 12 Megs of disk space," he said. "Some students are using much more than their fair share, which is causing a problem for other

"Twelve Megs is more than enough for any Word documents, but not enough for games such as Doom, Duke Nukem,

Hood explained that the computer center is looking into the possibility of offering students more space for a fee.

"Tennessee Tech has started charging students an addittional \$100 per semester to purchase more hard drives.'

Hood is planning to install a system quota program to regulate disk space in the near future.

Stats for Eeyore users

Students will not be able to send, receive or read E-mail for most of Friday.

Students are encouraged to save their Email messages in case they are erased in their personal folders.

Personal folder information can be found on computers in the Campus Computer Announcements section.



The photo caption from last week's picture should have identified (from left to right) President Steve Flatt, Tom Batey, Jim Allen, Linda Allen and Dean Chase.

Corrections

In the Oct. 8 issue of The Babbler, Mrs. Allen was incorrectly identified in the photo caption and in the story on the Allen Bell Tower groundbreaking. Mrs. Allen's name is Linda Allen.

Also, in the story on the Lipscomb Habitat House, the new owner of the home that Lipscomb students helped build was incorrectly identified. The owner's name is Aileen Peevy.

The Babbler regrets these errors and is pleased to set the record straight.

Honor code: an effective deterent to cheating?

BY STEPHEN STURGEON STAFF WRITER

"On my honor as a gentleman/lady, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this (examination, assignment, etc.: and if I have observed such actions, I will follow the prescribed honor code procedures."

These are words every student at lipscomb has heard before. It's the Academic Honor Code as it has been outlined in the student handbook. But some may wonder just how effective this honor code

In an anonymous survey conducted by The Babbler, 30% of respondents admitted to cheating while 35% had seen others

One of the students who admitted to cheating wrote that "No one follows the honor code anyway."

Though the student was not alone in his or her feelings, 60% of the respondents felt that most students did abide by the honor code.

Donna King from the music department said that cheaters are not the only ones who are affected by their actions.

"I would hope that everyone would take it seriously because it weakens everyone's integrity when they don't," she said.

Tom Seals from the bible department gave an example of just how bad cheating can affect another student.

"If the professor is grading on a curve, it's not fair to those who are trying to be honest and can benefit from the curve when there's people cheating, raising the curve," he said.

Cheating can hurt fellow students.

Yet when it comes to turning in those who cheat, the fellow students seem to have dropped the ball.

"Last year we didn't have a single case come before the Honor Code Council," Provost Craig Bledsoe said. "Students need to better police themselves."

But there are reasons why students would be hesitant in blowing the whistle on a cheater.

"I don't want to put a student in a position where they have to become a stool pigeon and rat on a fellow student," Seals said. "I don't think it's fair to the student."

(story continued on page 3.)

Your World at a Glance

International

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic agreed on Monday, in negotiations with chief U.N. diplomat Richard Holbrook, to remove his troops from the Albanian region and to end the Serbian attacks in the province of Kosovo. If the promise is fulfilled by Friday, NATO said it will call off airstrikes that it promised if the president did not comply with United Nations (U.N.) demands. The U.N. gave Milosevic four days to keep his promise, but in the United States, the agreement was met with skepticism.

National

At press time, negotiations were still ongoing over the spending bill before Congress. The government was technically scheduled to run out of money Wednesday night at midnight if an agreement or extension was not reached. Both sides are blaming each other for the delay in reaching an agreement.

Eric Robert Rudolph was formally indicted Wednesday for the Olympic Park bombings. Rudolph, a fugitive in the North Carolina hills, is already charged for a bombing at a Birmingham abortion clinic.

University of Wyoming students are mourning the murder of Matthew Shepard. Shepard, an openly gay student, was murdered in what many are calling a hate crime. Russell Arthur Henderson, 21 and Aaron James McKinney, 22 have been charged with the murder.

The House Judiciary Committee may limit the scope of the impealment inquiry. The committe may try to narrow the focus down to the most provable charges.

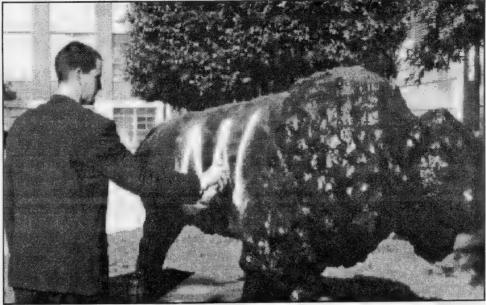


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

If the bison is painted with a ΔN , then it must be pledging time. Check out page 10 for more on the tradition of painting the bison.

Local

Metro Nashville teachers are continuing their work slowdown as their contract negotiations continue. The teachers are looking for more options to put pressure on the school board to grant their request for a 5.75% pay raise.

There will no referendum to remove the two-term limit for Metro Council members in the early voting period. Davidson County Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle ruled that the Election Commission could not include thequestion on the ballot because of controversy over the wording ofthe referendum.

It looks like the Stones River is returning to normal. Last week, the river was declared contaminated after partially treated sewage was dumped by a treatment plant.

Business

Overall September retail sales rose 0.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$224.9 billion, compared with a 0.2 percent increase in August. The numbers fell short of economists' expectations of a 0.6 percent gain for September.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safet Commission announced the recall of 8.4 million Omega sprinklers Wednesday. The sprinklers, found in homes, schools and federal buildings, in cluding the Capitol, are being recalled due to defects and the possibilty they might fail.

The Metro Council will consider a one percent increase in the hotel tax in order to offset losses due to a decrease in tourism in Nashville. The bill will go before the council Tuesday.

Sports

It only took the Nashville Predators two games to record their first win. The Predators, who opened their inaugural season Saturday night in the Nashville Arena against the Florida Panthers, recorded their first victory against the Carrolina Hurricanes Tuesday night. The Predators will next be in action at home on Oct. 23.

The UT Vols are enjoying the off-week after dominating Georgia in a match-up of unbeatens Saturday. UT will face Alabama on Oct. 24. The Vols lead the SEC East raceby two games over every other team.

The Tennessee Oilers bounced back nicely last week with a victory over the Baltimore Ravens on the road last Sunday. The Oilers face Cincinatti in an early season rematch Sunday. The Oilers won the first game.

The New York Yankees clinched the AL pennant Tuesday night. The San Diego Padres took the NLCS with a 5-0 win against the Braves Wednesday. The Padres and the Yankees will square for game 1 on Saturday night.

It is just two weeks before the Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams tip-off the 1998-99 season. Look for a special basketball preview supplement in two weeks from *The Babbler*.

Kim Chaudoin took over first place in the Sports Prognosticators contest. Scott McDowell proved that he is no sports bookie by going 5-6 in the contest and allowing every contestant except Jake Wilson to "Beat the Babbler." (What happened Jake? Even Phillip Brooks's son beat you.) Check out all the details on page 10.

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Honor council seeks to enforce academic integrity

STAFF WRITER

Laura Johnson is positive.

Heather Alteri feels very privileged.

They are just two students that are happy to attend a school that requires and teaches all students that they are not perfect, but to act honorably.

Lipscomb understands that to encourage an atmosphere of love and respect, toleration of lying and cheating, which affects the entire student body is inconceivable.

Academic integrity is critical to building such an environment. In keeping with Lipscomb's commitment to continuous Christian values, in 1992 the Honor Code was born. The Honor Council was a natural outgrowth of this vision.

A violating student is judged by a jury of peers, who act as mediators on the student's behalf before the violation is brought to the Dean.

Alteri says the students are given a second chance.

"I think it is fair," said Heather Alteri, a junior and an SGA member, "It makes

Laura Johnson agrees, but also she is very sad when it comes down to students taking advantage of the Honor Council.

"Students don't have enough integrity to turn other students in," said Johnson, a senior and current Honor Council member. "I'm very disillusioned. There are

things that go on that should not, and it has to stop.'

Johnson wants to to say something raise student awareness that honest people suffer when one on as allowing wrong acts dishonorably.

"It is just as bad to happen." not to say something when wrong is going on as allowing wrong to happen," she said.

High quality education, ethics, and social responsibility are not only limited to Lipscomb's campus.

Belmont and Vanderbilt Universities also follow a strict code of honor and a student body to carry it out. They differ from Lipscomb in that instead of the dean

having the last word, the students make the judgment call.

Belmont has a Student Pledge in which students state they "will not give or receive aid during examinations; give or receive false or impermissible aid in course work, in the preparation of reports, or in any other type of work......" Students

have to pledge not to engage in any form "It is just as bad not of academic fraud, and promise to see that others abide by when wrong is going this as well. They have Honor Court Justices, Honor Code Advisors and an Honor System Appeal Board.

Vanderbilt has a honor system in place so that each student has the opportunity to learn and take test in academically fair surroundings. Because of this code, the student does not have to worry about other students copying answers to their test or homework assignment. Examinations do not have to

be proctored; work is more valuable and

Laura Johnson

no one has an unfair advantage. This honor system dates back to 1875.

Vanderbilt University is also a member of the Center of Academic Integrity, a network of college and universities sharing information about academic policies and procedures.

Are these Honor Codes and Councils needed? What if they are eradicated? One might ask. There may not be one definitive answer, but Donald L. McCabe of Rutgers University, states from his research some disturbing and challenging findings:

- On most campuses, over 75% of students admit to some cheating.
 - Chronic cheating is also prevalent.
- · Faculty are reluctant to report students for cheating.
- Cheating is higher among fraternity and sorority members.
- · Academic honor codes effectively reduce cheating.

Are Honor Codes and Councils need-

The answer from students such as Laura Johnson and Heather Alteri is a definite yes.

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into the council, then why have it [the (story continued from page 1) honor code]," Bledsoe said. King said that, while she likes the "I understand why somebody

"There just doesn't

Provost Craig Bledsoe

Honor code requirements place

students in tough position

wouldn't want to turn somebody in," Bledsoe said. "It's tough to do that. But right now, there just doesn't seem to be anything driving the honor code."

But there may be more to it than merely being a "stool pigeon".

According to the Student Handbook page 20, "Accusations can be made in either oral or written form, but they may not be anonymous."[italics added] Also,

"the accuser must face the accused as a witness."

must not only be a stool pigeon with the accused knowing who he or she

So the student seem to be anystool pigeon, the thing driving the student must be a honor code.

In that case, the student is between a rock and a hard place.

The handbook also states that "If it becomes known that a student has observed cheating and has not followed the outlined procedure, that student will be guilty of violating the code and subject to the investigation procedure."

"I don't think that it's the responsibility of the student to point out cheating," Seals said. "I think it's the responsibility of the teacher."

But Bledsoe argues the other side of the argument.

"If nobody is going to turn anybody

honor code, she thinks changes may need to be made to improve the situation.

"The present honor code is good in that it is student driven. It does not provide a means to handle every situation,"King said. "I think it would be worth looking at ways of changing it without doing away with the general idea."

Bledsoe said the honor code allows students to take control of their lives.

"It's a whole lot better for you guys [the students] to do this," Bledsoe said. "You're in a period in your lives where we're talking about responsibility. What better way to

do it than take control of this yourselves?"

So there are different views on how the honor code should work.

Some say it should be in the hands of the faculty. Others say it should be the students responsibility. But for right now, the honor code system is in the students

"I would like to see you guys [students] talk about it and decide what you want to do about it." Bledsoe said. "If you come to the conclusion that it's stupid to have it, then let's do away with it. But if you want to have it, and there's something you think you need to do to change it, then let's do that." ■

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Academic Committee looks to improve environment for learning

Committee to address: Teacher of the Month, preregistration process, Honors Program

BY BUDDY JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The SGA is changing people's view about academics. To help them in this endeavor, SGA has appointed an academic committee.

"The Academic Committee of the SGA strives to create an environment, both inside and outside of the classroom, where each student may increase in knowledge while having a good time in the process," says the SGA brochure.

Of course, no one thinks fun and academics go together, right?

Lori Longhurst, freshman senator, wants to change that image.

"We're trying to make school more fun," she said.

Everyone remembers the classic SGAsponsored chess tournament. Well, this committee is planning on adding a whole lot in addition to that.

A marketing firm will be on Lipscomb's campus November 5 to talk to

students about career opportunities.

Possible activities for the future include a Trivial Pursuit/Jeopardy game with teachers submitting the questions. Only the top three will be able to compete for the cash prize.

A dinner is also in the plans for all those students out there with a 4.0 GPA.

Although this may not be implemented for a while, this would provide a unique opportunity to dine with President Flatt and other faculty members.

Future goals also include taking a hard look at the preregistration process. Some have suggested that preregistration could be done via phone or Internet.

The Honors Program is also being looked at. Renovations in this area could help Lipscomb become more visible nationally and attract serious students.

As far as recent activities are concerned, sophomore senator Patrick Sullivan headed up the are show that just ended in Beaman Library.

"The art show went really, really well. There were some extraordinary works out," he said.

Teacher of the Month also falls under the Academic Committee's jurisdiction. all nominations should be given to the SGA by e-mail or "snailmail". The Academic Committee doesn't just work with the students, however. They encourage all faculty members to have their students in to their homes, thereby helping the students to become more comfortable.

"We want the whole Lipscomb campus to feel more like a family unit," said junior senator Jennifer Berry.

Amy Rieder, senior senator, also stressed the importance of interaction between faculty and staff.

"We're trying to work on faculty/student relations," she said.

This committee is always looking for suggestions for possible improvements. Their committee meetings are open to the public. contact any of these senators for date and time of meetings.

This article is the third in a six-part series on the SGA and its committees.

Next week, the series will focus on the student life committee.

SGA Update for 10/12/98

ST-1-98/99 Proposal to shave speed bumps around campus

This proposal requests that all speed bumps altered after the steam pipe replacement being sized to their pre-construction heighth.—The senate passed this proposal 23-0-1. Brett Harrison abstained.

ST-2-98/99 Proposal to reallocate parking spaces in front of Elam.

This proposal requests that two faculty and four visitor spots in front of Elam be changed to student parking.—The senate passed this proposal 20-1-3. Pat Ford voted against the proposal. Tara Burnette, Pete Westerholm and Sam Crutcher abstained.

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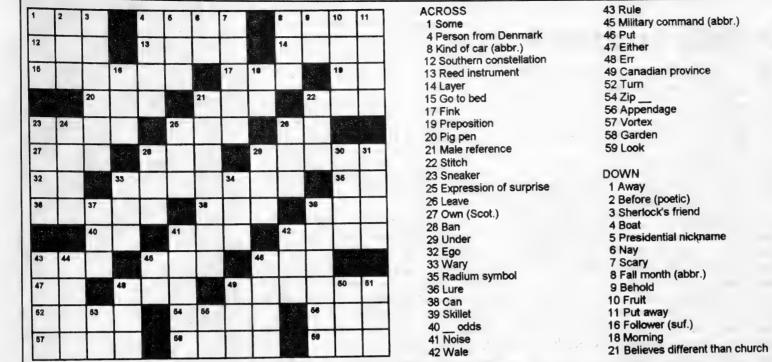
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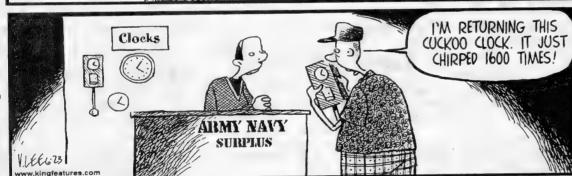


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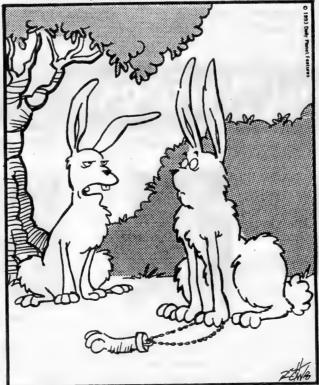
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In an embarrassing moment it is pointed out that Steve has been using the wrong fork.

CHAOS by Brian Shuste



"That's kinda sick Ed."

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



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Editorials

Soccer needs full support

It was nice to hear the official announcement Monday that Lipscomb will be reinstating men's soccer and starting a women's soccer program for the fall '99 season.

When the program was suspended because of financial and logistical concerns, the promise was that the team would return.

Last year, President Flatt appointed a committee to look into the prospects of reinstating the men's team and creating the women's team. The committee looked at the costs of running the program and at the logistical challenge of finding a suitable a field to play the games.

The committee returned its findings to Flatt last spring. The report detailed the costs and recommended that games be played at the intramural field until a suitable field is built.

Monday's announcement completed the review process. The administration said it wanted to bring back soccer and it now has.

Now that the administration has backed up its promise, it is time too give the program full support. This university has a tradition of fielding some of the most competitive teams in the NAIA. Our teams regularly compete for conference and national championships. The soccer teams should be no different.

If history repeats itself, the first years will be difficult. In 1993, the original soccer team went winless. It took several years before the team was fielding a winning record. Next year's teams don't look to be much different. The teams are likely to record more losses than wins their first year.

But the committment must be made to field a competitive team. Now that the university has made the decision to reinstate the program, it must back that decision with the necessary support.

President Flatt has already begun the process. He obtained the funding for the program and is looking to the future when a dedicated field will be available to the teams. He backed up his promise to bring back the program.

It is now time for the student body to step and support its new soccer teams next year.

The best partisan politics

It seems the only kind of politics coming out of Washington are partisan politics. Whether your talking about impeachment inquiries or budget deals, the media is filled with the arguments from both parties.

It seems that most officials care less about doing what is right than doing what is popular.

What happened to the days of principle in elected officials? Where is the integrity in politics anymore? It is time for the politicians in Washington to get down to the people's business.

Is it any wonder that polls show the public doesn't care about the affairs of our

government? They can't stand the sight of our elected officials.

All of the politicians in Washington should be locked in a big room and not be allowed to leave until they come into agreement on the issues before our government. Impeachment proceedings, budget deals, the threatening prospect of a market recession, the financial crisis in Russia and Asia, massacres in Kosovo and a myriad of other issues need to be addressed by Washington

We the people have the right and the responsibility to demand our government pay attention. ■

Letters to the Editor

Reasons for the silence

In response to "The silence is deafening."

I propose two reasons as to why there are so few letters written to the Babbler: a) Many students simply don't want to take the time. ~or~ b) Many students don't view *The Babbler* as a place to share their thoughts without some sort of consequence.

A good portion of the student body sees *The Babbler* as an extension of the administration and promotion for the SGA rather than a voice for the students. What exactly are the "great measures" that have been taken to "ensure that students have a forum to express themselves" before the student body? *The Babbler* has improved greatly over the last year as far as reporting and human interest is concerned, but may I recommend posing a question or a topic if you want the student body's input, not a condescending editorial.

And by the way, nice cheap-shot at the UNDERGROUND. Perhaps it is that type of journalism which keeps students from engaging in meaningful dialogue with *The Babbler*. Maybe a point or two could be gleaned from the campus publication with which students aren't intimidated to participate.

Ryan Gates

Letters to the Editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address.

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Student Voices

How do you feel about the announcement that soccer is returning next fall?



Kimberly Gilmore

I don't care for soccer, but I am happy that everyone else is going to benefit from it.



Jackson Ware

I am really excited. I know a lot of guys and girls that have been waiting for this program to begin. I think it is great!



Lori Phifer

I am so excited about it! I have a lot of friends who play soccer and I know it makes them very happy. Good job administration.



Josh Derr

I don't really like soccer.
I wish we had a track

Justice should be blind to motivation

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -The recent brutal killing of a gay man in
Wyoming has brought hate crimes once
more to national attention, as a variety of
groups call for heavier punishments for the
perpetrators of such acts. The outrage is
certainly understandable, but the whole
notion of hate crimes and how to deal with
them revolves about an idea that is incredibly pernicious and sets us on a truly slippery slope.

Central to the principles that underlie our society is the freedom of thought and the concomitant right to give expression to that thought. The concept of hate crimes threatens this basic freedom by including motivation as a substantial characteristic of a crime, one compelling enough to warrant differing punishment for what is otherwise the same criminal act. Now, thanks to the Greeks, our legal system recognizes intent as a salient characteristic of any ostensible criminal act, one important enough to determine whether the act is actually criminal or not. Thus, if the gun went off accidentally and there was no intent to kill, the law recognizes the act as something less than deliberate murder, perhaps negligent homicide or reckless endangerment or no

Motivation, however, is different from intent, and to give it the sort of legal standing that intent possesses, as hate crime legislation inevitably attempts to do, is to move into a system that punishes persons for what they think, rather than for what they intentionally do. Hate crime legislation typically provides further punishment if a crime is hate-motivated, for example, assaulting a man because he is gay or Hispanic, as opposed to assaulting him

because he insulted your wife or intruded upon your turf or had a nice pair of sneakers. The distinguishing element between the hate crime and the normal crime is motivation, that is to say, what the perpetrator was thinking when he decided to beat the man up. The criminal is being punished not just for his intentional deed, but also for what he was thinking, and that should be a frightening proposition for all.

There is, moreover, the problem of definition that plagues most such attempts to influence how we think through legislation and the legal system. So far as I understand it, in order to qualify as a hate crime, the hate involved must be toward a group, one apparently defined only by ethnicity, sexual preference or religion. Consequently, though you may hate your husband when you kill him, that does not constitute a hate crime, any more than does shooting a member of a rival gang. But who is it that determines which group judgments are heinous enough to earn the label "hate crime?" Is it a hate crime when a religious fundamentalist attacks an abortion doctor or a group of militant feminists beat up some pig of a male?

Was it a hate crime when frat boys assaulted me because I belonged to the group of long-haired males?

This is especially a problem with property crimes that, because of their symbolic value, are labeled hate crimes. Burning a cross on some black's front lawn or painting a swastika on a synagogue are obvious and easy to recognize as moved by hatred for a specific group, but how is the rest of the list compiled? Who decides, and on what basis, that some act has sufficient symbolic value to qualify as a manifesta-

tion of hate? Is it, as some concerned about sexual harassment have suggested, the victims who decide what is hateful and what is not? If some decide that my criticism of El Centro psychologically or emotionally injures some people and is motivated by hatred of Hispanics, does that make my comments a hate crime?

There is also the difficulty of determining just what motivated someone to commit a crime, which will inevitably lead to judgments based on group membership and how one thinks, both of which are antithetical (I hope) to our system of justice. Suppose an avowed member of the Aryan Nation needs money and beats up a black man and steals his wallet. Is that a hate crime? Or is it simply a crime of theft committed against a man who happens to be black by a man who happens to hate blacks? This is dangerous stuff and must inevitably lead to the same sort of group judgment that frequently inclines police to suspect the young black male over the white. And there is a peripheral negative message here: Keep your views to yourself or they might turn on you. This is not the sort of society I would encourage.

The two punks in Wyoming ought to be punished (with speedy execution in my opinion), but for killing a man, not for killing a gay man. All that matters is that with malicious intent they brought about the death of another human being. What stirred that malicious intent ought to be a concern of our society, but not a matter for our justice system.

Richard Berthold is a columnist for the *Daily Lobo* (U. New Mexico.)

Honor code: attempt at "legislating morality"

BY JONATHAN LING COLUMNIST

Before I get started, let me make my introductions. I am a third year Physics major, so I spend lots of time in little dark rooms



with nothing but my thoughts. As you can imagine, I have an opinion for everything. I want this column to be a forum and an insight into what I am thinking about school, life, religion and the world in general (except for that Lewinsky matter).

My first thought every year is this-Legislated Morality. We all talk about it. We may not like the dress code, curfew, or the sign-out procedure, so we say that the administration is "legislating morality." To me, legislating morality is the "powers that be" using rules to try to tell the little people how to live and what to think. Yes, that is exactly what I think is happening here. I want to look at the Honor Code.

I doubt that many have read the whole two and one half page "Lipscomb Univer-

sity Academic Honor Code Constitution." I had not until just a few days ago. The whole idea of a constitution strikes me as legislative. Article X is as follows:

"The academic honor code states that you will neither participate in nor tolerate dishonorable behavior."

Worse yet, in the preamble(Yes! The PREAMBLE!) of this "konstitution" (note the vaguely communistic spelling) it states, and I quote:

"Personal maturity can be helped by the creation of this academic honor code."

If that isn't them telling us how to act and think, then what is? I am an adult, as are all of you who came to this institution. We are not preschoolers who have no sense of what is right and wrong. I know I'm not the only one who sees some George Orwellian 1984ish "Big Brother is watching" morality control conspiracy. I know what is good and bad in this day and age. Just look at the wording of the pledge itself. It is inherently contradictory on a moral level. If someone has signed a pledge not to cheat, then why does someone else need to pledge to watch them? If you can't trust someone not to cheat when they sign the Honor Code, then it annihilates itself. We should just make people sign a pledge to rat-out cheaters.

Now don't get me wrong, I think that the Honor Code is a good thing, but it is a one-way street. I sign the Code to say that I did not cheat. I refuse to become the morality police for the higher-ups that think we can't do the right thing without being watched. If someone wants to cheat, then that is a decision that God is going to take up with them. No one needs to jump into that person's spiritual choices.

This applies to all of life here. We are all adults, and I think we can do without this "konstitution." Don't buy into that story that the students are in control of it. It takes a majority vote in the Faculty Senate to change any aspect of the Honor Code. We need to let all of Admin that we are adults here.

I hope that this strikes a chord in you all. I want some feedback, whether it is positive or negative. Please e-mail me at lingid@dlu.edu to tell me what you think, or to tell me to go jump in Radnor Lake, or to give me topics to write about. I look forward to writing once a week to maybe give a voice to the little guy that never gets heard.

The Spiritual Column

Character still counts

One of the beneficial fall-outs of the presidential escapades in the oval office is a national re-examination of the issue of character. Does character count in the outcome of a person's life, the well-being of a family, the welfare of a community, the destiny of a nation? Of course it counts.

Consider the question in the light of a far more personal relationship. Your soul mate. Your marriage partner. Do we not look for faithfulness, honesty, self-control, patience, understanding, unselfishness, love, courage, kindness, and goodness. These are values we desire in a spouse. There is no desire for a promiscuous and adulterous spouse. Or a compulsive liar, a loose cannon, temper driven, demanding, selfish, insensitive, mean spirited, reckless, or one who is cruel. All traits of bad character. Character counts.

If your spouse or friend scored very low on most of the qualities of good character, if he or she was a compulsive liar, a cheat, unfaithful and wayward, but was very competent in their work skills would that make a difference in your choice of spouse or close friend? You bet it would. Work skills are a distant second.

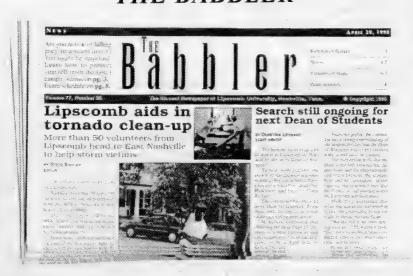
We must be reminded that people of great nations and civilizations go through a cycle of character transformation resulting from the conflict between the forces of good and evil. They go from bondage or severe persecution to spiritual faith. From spiritual faith to courage. From courage to liberty. From liberty to abundance. From abundance to selfishness. From selfishness to dependency. From dependency to degeneracy. From degeneracy back into bondage again. We are in the latter stages of that cycle but the dire conclusion is not inevitable. Historically there have been those nations where a courageous remnant have come forth and undertaken the work of restoring the spiritual and moral character of the people and they returned to the values of good character.

The wisdom of biblical truth providing clear instructions on what must be done is there for all to read and understand. God speaks in the Old Testament, "...if my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." In the New Testament Jesus defines the work to be done, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The work of this great cause will be done by people of good character because character always counts! ■

Jim Russell is president of The Amy Foundation; current "Crossroads" columnist for The Amy Foundation; former "Voices"columnist for The Lansing State Journal; author of Awakening the Giant

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Group pictures of campus organizations will be made Oct. 19 and 20. See your club president or sponsor for time and place.

Lipscomb University Jazz Band presents its fall concert on Oct. 20 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, call the music department at 2258.

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring a day of fasting Oct. 20-21. Dr. Randy Harris will talk about the fast at the Tuesday night devotional.

The SGA is sponsoring a Halloween Bash for Oct. 29. Call 1831 for more info.

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SPORTS

Games of the Week

Last week's results

Kim Chaudoin Sean McAfee 8-3 Steve Shirley

Cincinnati vs. Tennessee













Matt Baggett 7-4 Scott McDowell 5-6 Jeremy Sowders 2-9	Matt Baggett "The New Guy"	Kim Chaudoin "Token Female"	Sean McAfee "The Mac"	Steve Shirley "The Boss Man"	Jeremy Sowders "The Kat"	Guest Guesser April St. John
Vandy vs Georgia	Georgia Picking on Vandy just isn't fun anymore.	GA Any Questions?	UGA The ultimate mismatch.	Dawgs Vandy makes UGA look good again.	Vandy What do I have to lose?	Georgia Worse for the 'Dores? Here come the Dawgs.
Auburn vs. Florida	Florida Palmer has a big day against Tiger "D".	Fla. Bye, Bye Bowden?	Florida Gators offense rolls over Tigers "D".	Gators Swamp swallows second Tiger team in two weeks.	Auburn This is the week. I feel it.	Florida Gators would still roll w/ Palmer at QB
Arkansas vs. South Carolina	Arkansas If Marshall can beat SC, so can the Hogs.	Ark. Go Hogs!	Arkansas Razorbacks look razor sharp.	Razorbacks Hogs looking to battle of unbeatens Nov. 14.	Gamecocks Battle of the farm animals.	Arkansas Gotta pick my President's favorite team
Kentucky vs. LSU	LSU It's a tossup. Advantage to home team.	LSU Good game, LSU has upper hand at home.	LSU This will be close.	Tigers Kentucky defense is horrible.	Kentucky Couch will have easy time against Tigers	UK Couch leads Cats past "the mobster's" bunch
Oregon vs. UCLA	UCLA McNown carries Bruins over Ducks.	UCLA Bruins will continue to be strong.	UCLA UCLA not No. 2 but can still whip Oregon.	Ducks Quack Attack! The curse of #2 continues	UCLA I like the Ducks though. Nice name.	UCLA #2 rolls toward matchup w/ Ohio State
Oklahoma St. vs. Kansas St.	Kansas St. K. State ready for Fiesta Bowl.	K. State Could be wrong. Fear upset. Going with K. State	Kansas St. Kansas St. beatable but not in this one.	Wildcats But here's to hoping for an upset.	OSU Wildcats finally shown to be pretenders	Kansas St. Wake those guys up at the half to finish game
Texas Tech vs. Colorado	Colorado Close one all the way. Buffs squeak it out.	Colorado Tough matchup. Equal teams. Go for home team	Texas Tech Buffaloes get shot of reality.	Red Raiders Colorado exits top 25	Colorado Big 12 is full of fakes.	Colorado Go Buffalo's!!
Purdue vs. Penn St.	Penn St. Paterno knows how to motivate.	Penn St. Paterno is a great coach.	Penn St. Joe Pa doesn't lose many conference games.	Boilermakers PSU secondary won't know what hit them.	Penn State Again, Steve said not to pick with him	Penn State Boilermakers barely simmer against PSU
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh	Steelers Get on the Bus, again.	Steelers Steelers should have easy win.	Steelers You couldn't pay me to watch this.	Steelers Are you happy McDowell?	Baltimore Am I the only one to see the obvious?	Pittsburgh Steelers were embar- rassed by my Bengals
NY Jets vs. New England	New England Jets never make it off the ground.	Patriots Not sure, but going for New England.	Pats The Jets are flying south.	Patriots Jets crash and burn.	Jets You'll see	Pats Battle; expect lots of blood, but Pats will win
Cincinnati vs. Tennessee	Yancey Thigpen comes up big.	Oilers Oilers ready for a win at home.	Bengals May the worst team lose.	Oilers Or are they the Presidents, Tradition, Vipers etc?	Bengals Hard to pick the underdog in this one	Bengals I can't wait for bragging rights this week!

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Vandy vs. Georgia		Name
Auburn vs. Florida		Phone Number
Arkansas vs. South Carolina		Tie Breaker
Kentucky vs. LSU		Total Points in KY/LSU
Oregon vs. UCLA Oklahoma St. vs. Kansas St.		Contest Rules
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Purdue vs. Penn State	4-10-	will only be entered into final drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh		coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and
NY Jets vs. New England		will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.
		Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes

Overall Records Kim Chaudoin 49-16 Steve Shirley 47-18 42-23 Sean McAfee **Matt Baggett** 41-24 **Jeremy Sowders** 34-31

Last week's "I Beat *The Babbler*" winners:

Phillip Brooks, Bubba Frame, Jordan Humphreys, Tim Lavender, David Lawrence, Barry Logan, Chad Oakley, David Parker, Chara Patterson, **Johnathon Thomas**

Last week's overall student champion: Barry Logan with a record of 9-2.

Intramurals Independent League

Championship game

Ducks vs. Bad News Bears

Results were not available at press time.

Social Club League Championship Games

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Predators excite Nashville with play but go away empty

BY PRESTON WILSON STAFF WRITER

A sense of wonder and anticipation filled the air around Broadway and 6th on Saturday, Oct. 10. Many stood wide-eyed as the spotlights and laser painted the sky with light

Amazement grew as the spectators entered the Nashville Arena. Snow gently drifted down as fog circled their feet. As they found their way to their seats, the fans enjoyed an atmosphere of circus-like chaos.

As the fireworks and laser show introduced the coaches and players, the anticipation became reality. The fans did not have long to wait.

The national anthem closed with a flourish and the game was now only a few minutes away.

The puck dropped onto the ice and chaos ensued with the Florida Panthers controlling the faceoff. Mike Dunham stopped the first attempt on goal by Florida with a glove save.

Play in the first period continued until Nashville captain Tom Fitzgerald was penalized for cross checking. The Predators killed the Florida power play and play resumed at full strength.

A few minutes later a fight broke out between Patrick Cote of the Predators and Florida's Johan Garpenlov. It lasted until Cote nearly knocked Garpenlov into the Predators' bench. The fans responded with cheers as Cote demonstrated the team's tenacity.

The first period ended tied at 0-0. Nashville took eleven shots on goal while Florida shot only seven times on goal. During the first period, seven penalties were given.

The second period saw much of the same with sloppy offense and no one capitalizing on the seven penalties. The score remained tied at zero at the end of the second. The Predators took eight shots and the Panthers took seven.

Both teams struggled offensively and neither team was able to capitalize on the power play. The third period saw the resolution of the offensive stalemate.

The Panthers capitalized on a Scott Walker double minor penalty of obstruction and interference. Ray Whitney scored with the assists of Gord Murphy and Oleg Kvasha. The goal was with 17:33 left in the third period.

Nashville struggled to gain some control over the Panthers. Dunham was pulled with one minute left to create more offense for Nashville but to no avail.

The penalties in the third were reduced to five and the shots on goal for the game totaled twenty-six for both teams.

The fans gave the Predators a standing ovation as they exited the ice to the locker room. The Predators will win games throughout the season with better execution of the power play and sharper passing.

Nashville will not be disappointed with the results of their National hockey team. The Nashville Predators will have a tough season ahead, but the fans will stand behind them each step of the way.

The Cheap Seats: Guess What? We're Back Again

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY COLUMNISTS

Welcome back to the nosebleed section. Our column this week promises to be another fun-filled, hard-hitting commentary about none other than sports. Through our never-ending search of newspapers and magazines, we have come up with the stories. We span the globe each and every week to bring you the best in sports. Well, we're sick and tired of this cheesy stuff, so let's play ball.

- ◆October 10, 1998 marked the first regular season game for Nashville's new professional hockey team, the Predators. Playing in front of a sold out crowd in the Nashville Arena (that's something the Oilers have never seen), the Predators came up just short against the Panthers. Even though the Predators lost, everyone seemed to have a great time. The team is still optimistic for the rest of the season. All we have to say is that we're glad to see the Predators picking up where the Knights left off.
- ♦In cheerleading this week, two high school cheerleaders from New Jersey were kicked off the squad and suspended from school. The reason: they gave their rival school's cheerleaders laxative-laced cupcakes during a football game. This brings new meaning to the cheer "Stand up, SIT DOWN, fight, fight, fight!!"
- ◆The Dunhill Golf Invitational Tournament, which involved Spain and the United States ended up in a loss for the U.S. This was the first time Spain had ever beaten the U.S. John Daly was the only one who won his match. The American played worse than they have ever played. When the tournament was over, Daly complained that his teammates should have played better. Granted, they had their diffi-

culties, the Americans didn't have half as many problems as ISS has had with the stupid e-mail.

- ◆Let's give it up for Shane Spencer of the New York Yankees! This guy is playing like Robert Redford in "The Natural." After playing eight years in the minors, after the Yankees brought him up, Spencer hit more grand slams in nine days than Joe Torre hit in his 18-year major league career. In his 67 at-bats this season, Spencer hit 10 homeruns. Someone needs to give this guy a pay raise because he's even better than the Braves are, and he's only making 170,000 a year. Even some of he Cleveland Indians are making that much.
- ◆The Badminton National Championships were held this past weekend in Salem, Ohio. Frank Parkinson, a 77-year-old retired career counselor, beat Bernie Steenson for the title in the 75-79 year-old age division. After winning, Parkinson said he was going to Disney World.
- ◆College football quickies: Tennessee overcomes Georgia without Lewis; Nebraska's 19 game winning streak ends with a loss to Texas A&M, and while we're on it, does anyone know what A&M stands for anyway?; Florida chomps up LSU; Ohio State is still #1; Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets break into the top 25; and Vandy scored more touchdowns on Saturday than it had all season, but, of course, still lost.

So there you have it. Another week in sports. Be sure to stay tuned in this week for the World Series. It promises to be a humdinger no matter who makes it.

Remember, the Cheap Seats might not always be better, but they are cheaper. Whatever that means. Take it easy sports

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Volleyball:

Oct. 15 @ Tennessee Temple 4 p.m.

Oct. 15 @ Covenant College 6 p.m.

Oct. 19 Birmingham Southern 7 p.m.*

Oct. 20 Bryan College 7 p.m.*

Golf:

Oct. 15-16 @ SouthEast Kentucky Intercollegiate

denotes home game

Lady Bisons win University of the South Tourney

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

The Bison volleyball team came together this weekend, breaking out of his "collective funk" with a 1st place finish in the University of the South tournament. The team won six out of seven matches to win their first tournament this season, after two second place finishes earlier in the year.

"We played some really tough teams and we played the best I've ever seen us play. We really came together as a team." said senior Julie Wilkins.

"We really stepped up and played hard," said Junior Michelle DeVries. "I think we are all confident in ourselves and each other."

This confidence could not have come at a better time, with nine of the team's final thirteen games coming against TranSouth foes. Fortunately for the Bisons, however, five of these games will be at home, a rarity for the first half of the season.

But even though the Bisons played so well at the University of the South, they still feel that they have yet to witness the



PHOTO BY SEAN MCAFEE

The Lady Bisons prepare to return serve.

full potential of what they can do.

"The great thing is, I'm not even sure we actually played to the best of our collective abilities; I think we still have quite a bit more room for improvement," said Wilkins

It is obvious that as tough as the Tran-South is this year, the teams that come out on top will be the teams with the most dedication and heart. When the tournament comes around in November, there may not be as clear a favorite, as there has been in the past. For the Bisons, the top of the conference is something they see as attainable.

"I think we can come out on top in this conference," said DeVries. "It is going to

take a lot of hard work and playing the way we can, but I think it is very achievable. We just have to show the other teams that we want it just as bad and even more than they do."

Wilkins agrees that the TranSouth championship is something the team wants, and can achieve.

"What really matters is how we play in the conference tournament, not how we've been ranked all year. My theory is that we are not far from actually reaching our peak in potential, and hopefully we'll hit that around tournament time."

So as enthusiasm runs high, the girls get ready to advance into the second half of their season, having already compiled a record of 18-6.

This is only seven wins short of breaking their record for most wins in a season (24) in 1997. And with thirteen regular season games left, as well as a tournament at Trevecca, the record is definitely i sight for the Bisons.

The next home game for the volleyball team is on October 19 against Birmingham Southern at 7 p.m. in McQuiddy.■

Cross country teams record mixed results at APSU

Top competition too tough for Lady Bisons to overcome

BY CHARA PATTERSON STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the Lady Bisons traveled to Fort Campbell, Kentucky and ran in the Austin Peay State University Invitational. It was an ideal day to run with the sun shining and the temperature in the high sixties.

Lipscomb ran against twelve teams, including Murray State, Vanderbilt, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee State University. The Lady Bisons placed eleventh overall.

The opposing teams at the Austin Peay State University Invitational proved themselves to be faster that Lipscomb's competition earlier in the year. There were more overall runners to finish under 21 minutes than there have been in past meets.

During the first half of the race, Caroline Nelson was up with the middle of the pack going head to head against the area's strongest runners. Nelson fell back and place 62nd, but still managed to get a time of 22:27.

The Lady Bisons pushed hard and had three women finish under 23 minutes, including Nelson, Brittany Burton and Amanda Van Vleet. Mari-etta Mahaffey, Sarah Lavender and Natalie Montgomery all broke 24 minutes for the Lady Bisons.

Lipscomb's cross-country runners have two weeks off, but will race again October 31 at the Tennessee-Kentucky Classic at Sewanee.

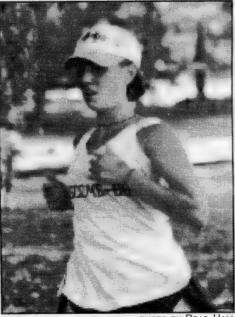


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Erin Grogan focuses on maintaining her pace in the APSU Invitational.

Upcoming Races

The Bisons and Lady Bisons have two weeks off before their next races.

Oct. 31 Tennessee-Kentucky Meet Sewanee, TN 10 a.m. start men 11 a.m. start women

Nov. 7 TranSouth Conference Meet Batesville, AR---times TBA

Bisons continue to improve, top several area schools

BY BRAD HAM STAFF WRITER

The setting was perfect for a cross country meet this past weekend.

The sun was shining brightly during the Austin Peay Invitational cross-country race. This course was fairly flat with a few hills in it but still a five-mile race. There were 13 teams there from different parts of the Southeast.

The Lipscomb Bisons APSU Invitational. cross-country tea finished

sixth overall. They beat such teams as UT-Martin, Vanderbilt and MTSU.

Jeff Swindell led the way for the Bisons during this meet. He came in 22nd place. Swindell had a time of 28 minutes and 16 seconds. Tim Lavender and Dan Turner also finished with times under 29 minutes. Dennis Marquardt and David Scott rounded out the top five with times in the 29 minute range.

There was a gap of only 1:06 between Lipscomb's top five runners.

"It's good to see a lot of breakthroughs like Dan Turner," said assistant coach Willie Steele. "Jeff Swindell ran really well. It's good to see five guys stick together through the whole race."

The season is now winding down for



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Matt Steidl (left) and Sean Boynes turn a corner at the APSU Invitational.

the Bisons. Three weeks after fall break they will go to the TranSouth regional meet to qualify for the NAIA national meet.

"We're in the best position we've been in years," said Steele. "We're looking forward with two weeks off to recover for Regions and Nationals."

"I think that we will be peaking at the right time," said freshman runner David Scott. "We're going to get better. I think we can give Berry a run for their money."

Berry College won the TranSouth regionals last year and this year they are strong.

But, Lipscomb has a better team than last year and there could be some surprises in the weeks to come.

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These runners will be running for a different cause tomorrow. Read about it on page 16.

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LIV participants: "We're not in America anymore"

BY KATIE BOYER
VIENNA CORRESPONDENT

The 37 member '98 Lipscomb in Vienna group landed in Austria on a cool and cloudy day, still trying to adjust to the time difference and the airplane food.

After getting passports stamped at customs and struggling to get suitcases packed with three months of luggage onto the bus, the group was given a quick tour of the city.

The travelers will live at the Kolping House and study at the Austro American Institute for Education until November 29, when most of the group will spend a week in London before heading back to the United States.

As a member of this year's LIV group, I've had as many opportunities to discover my cultural ignorance as has anyone else here. If there's one fact I feel sure about right now, it's this: we're not in America anymore.

So, with a firm grasp of the obvious and a strict adherence to the eternal slogan of study abroad programs (it's not better or worse, just different), I would like to share selected observations about the European way of life.

First of all, I would like to mention that time does, indeed, flow a little differently here.

We've had to create more flexible schedules in order to adapt to things such



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIV

The students participating in the Lipscomb in Vienna program pose for a picture in their classroom.

as shops closing suddenly in the middle of the day and the assumption that meeting someone "around" a certain time is just as good.

I say this, I suppose, as a sort of group apology to those of you who have not yet received your promised postcards. But on to the city.

Ah, Vienna-- home of world famous

coffee, some of music's most gifted musicians, fine arts, Arnold Schwarzeneggar, and sturdy plastic knives.

Yes, you read correctly.

The plastic knives in Vienna can actually cut through an entire semmel (that's German for "teeth-breaking kaiser roll") without suddenly and painfully snapping in two. Perhaps a plastic American knife

could stand the test of American bread, but the endless varieties of dark, seeded, and whole grain Austrian bread require a more serious utensil.

Speaking of serious utensils, soup in Vienna, although quite delicious, is eaten with a spoon roughly the size of one of my Grandma's serving ladles.

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Jazz band gives first performance of year

BY CHERY RAINS STAFF WRITER

The University Jazz Band had its first performance of the '98-'99 school year Tuesday night.

The band comprised of members: Austin Bingman, Byron Gibbs, Tim Grant, Cathy Loden, Robert Claypool and Christina Starnes is an eclectic group of talented performers. Ward Lecture Hall was full with standing room only in the back as students and faculty filled in to see the performance.

And the audience was not disappointed.

Stephen L. Rhodes, band director, led the band during the performance.

The group performed a number of songs highlighting their musical talents.

The group's next performance is scheduled for Dec. 3. ■

Attention:

Watch for more features on Lipscomb groups in the performing arts. If you know of an event, let The Babbler know at ext. 1829 or Box 4126



PHOTO BY ROBIN PYLE

The University Jazz band performs a number from their show Tuesday night. The band is comprised of students and is directed by Stephen L. Rhodes.

Your World at a Glance

International

A U.S. brokered peace agreement is before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yassar Arafat. The agreement calls for more Israeli withdrawals from the West Bank in return for increased security efforts on the part of the Palestinians.

National

Southern Texas is trying to assess the damage from the heavy flooding that hit the region earlier this week. Some areas had more than two feet of rain. The Guadalupe River, normally only a few hundred feet wide, has overflowed its banks and is more than two miles wide at some points. More than 25 people are confirmed dead with several others still missing.

Earl Shaffer, the first person to ever hike the entire Appalachian Trail at one time, completed another hike of the trail Wednesday evening. Shaffer, one month shy of his 80th birthday, accomplished his most recent feat 50 years after his first thru hike of the trail.

Sen. John Glenn is making his final preparations this week for his return trip to space. Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, is scheduled to ride into space aboard the space shuttle Discovery on Oct.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teenage smoking increased 74% from 1988 to 1996. The number of teen smokers went from 710,000 in 1988 to 1.23 million in 1996.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID KOELLEIN

Dr. Tays and his Public Administration and Urban History and Politics classes met with Mayor Phil Bredesen on a Sept. 30 field trip. Bredesen offered his insights on effective urban leadership to the Lipscomb students.

Local

Capitol Hill leaders are still trying to come to grips with the apparent murder of state Sen. Tommy Burks. Burks, from District 15, was found shot to death inside his truck on his hog farm in Cumberland County.

Wayne Mooneyhan announced his plans for a \$1 billion theme park and movie studio Wednesday. The entertainment complex, to be called "Mooneyland, USA," would fill the void left by the closure of Opryland. Some were skeptical, though, that Mooneyhan can get the necessary financial backing for his project.

Phil Bredesen announced this week that he will not seek a third term as mayor of Nashville.

Business

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced Thursday the recall of 10 million battery-run Power Wheels rideon toys because they pose a serious fire risk.

According to a national survey conducted by PSI Global, a market research firm in Tampa, Fla., Generation X's are managing a disproportionate amount of credit card debt. Generation X's accounts for only 18 percent of America's credit card holders, but they contribute 25 percent to its outstanding card debt.

Microsoft Corp. is currently engaged in an antitrust suit filed by the Justice Dept. for its integration of its Internet Explorer into the operating system of Windows 98.

Sports

The New York Yankees are once again World Champions, sweeping the San Diego Padres in four games. The Yankees have now won the title a record 24 times.

The Nashville Predators are quickly gaining a reputation as scrappy competitors among NHL teams. While the team only sports a 1-3-1 record, the it has played a tough and tenacious style of hockey to keep games close The Predators will next be in action at home tonight against the Calgary Flames.

The Tennessee Oilers swept the season series against Cincinatti Sunday. The Oilers pulled out the offensive stops and beat the Bengals 44-14. The Oilers now prepare to host the Chicago Bears.

The UT Vols are in the midst of Alabama week preparations. The Tide visits Neyland Stadium for a 2:30 kick-off that will be carried locally by WTVF(Channel 5.) The Vols currently are enjoying a three game win streak against the Tide.

Only one week remains until the Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams tip-off the 1998-99 season. Look for a special basketball preview supplement in two weeks from *The Babbler*.

Kim Chaudoin stretched her lead in the Sports Prognosticators contest as Steve Shirley had his worst week of picking. April St. John showed that she knows about sports other than just basketball as she racked up a 9-2 record. Not a single person was able to top April's mark. This week, Steve Flatt shows what he is made of in the contest. Check out all the details on page 14.

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Case threatens college media freedom

(U-WIRE) WEST HARTFORD, Conn. -- Warning of a "profound threat" to free expression, a coalition that includes every major national organization of college journalism educators has filed a friend-of-the-court brief the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit urging it to reverse a lower court's decision supporting censorship of college media.

The coalition, led by the Arlington, Va. based Student Press Law Center, includes national organizations of college journalists and university journalism professors as well as representatives from every accredited college journalism program in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee (the four states within the jurisdiction of the Sixth Circuit Court.) The group used its brief to condemn the extension of a high school-based censorship standard to college and university student media.

Such a standard, the coalition cautioned, is "antithetical to the freedom of expression long recognized to be the essence of the university campus.'

If allowed to stand, a November 14, 1997 decision by a Kentucky federal district court would mark the first time the Hazelwood standard has been used to justify the censorship of a college publication.

In his opinion, Judge Joseph M. Hood ruled that a college was not a public forum and that university administrators have the right to exercise "reasonable" control over student publications.

The case, Kincaid v. Gibson, arose after Charles Kincaid, a student, and Capri Coffer, the former student editor of the school yearbook, sued Kentucky State University administrators for refusing to distribute the 1994 yearbook, attempting to control the student newspaper, and remov-

ing the publications adviser.

The students Gibson, vice president of student to content in the student newspaper that reflected negatively on the

university. They claimed that the publication adviser was temporarily removed from her position because she refused to censor the newspaper. They also said Gibson withheld the yearbooks because of content.

Kentucky State administrators claimed they refused to distribute the yearbook because it was of poor quality and did not properly represent the university.

According to Gibson, the yearbook should have been more focused on campus events and people. Gibson was also unhappy that the yearbook failed to highlight the school colors of yellow and green.

In granting the school's motion to dismiss the case, the court cited Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, a 1988 US Supreme Court case that significantly limited the First Amendment protection available to school-sponsored high school pub-

In a footnote

to the Hazelwood

ruling, the court

made clear that its

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open the question

"This is the kind of thing claimed that Betty that third world dictators do, not people in the United affairs, objected States within a democracy."

> Mark Goodman. Student Press Law Center

> > of whether similar restrictions would be appropriate for college student media.

> > We need not now decide whether the same degree of difference [to censorship by school officials] is appropriate with respect to school sponsored expressive activities at the college and university level," the Court said.

Harvey Jassem, the Director of the School of Communication, at the University of Hartford, has mixed feelings on the idea of censorship. He supports free speech in the college press but feels that the system only works when members of the press are responsible.

This kind of censorship deals with value judgment," said Jassem. "I would rather keep the government out of that kind of power.'

The United States Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier. The decision upheld the right of public high school administrators at Hazelwood East High School in suburban St. Louis, Missouri, to censor stories concerning teen pregnancy and the effects of divorce on children from a school-sponsored student newspaper.

"The censorship or curricula and the impingement of academic freedom that Hazelwood arguably could permit would cause irreversible damage to the venerable place occupied by academic institutions as the marketplace of ideas," the coalition's brief cautions.

Recent cases show that the Kincaid and Hazelwood decisions may have a serious detrimental effect on the college press.

The administration at the University of North Alabama is trying to be the first to use the Kincaid ruling. However, the plan has backfired for now, according to Flor-Ala editor Tyler Greer.

A meeting was scheduled for March 2, where the school's policy for prior review over the newspaper was to be passed. According to Greer, prior review had been practiced in the past but was never put into policy. School officials were citing the Kincaid decision.

The day of the meeting we received a phone call saying that the meeting had been canceled," Greer said.

Robert Potts, president of the University of North Alabama, had stopped the meeting. A subcommittee had been assigned to tackle the problem, so the president had not been involved up to that point, Greer said. When problems arose concerning the new policy, "someone assured [Potts] it was a First Amendment issue," Greer said.

As a result, the new policy was canceled and the administration "backed off" its demand for prior review of the newspa-

"We're the ones making the decisions and corrections," said Greer. "We are the ones in control and ask for advice when we need it. This is not a completely dead issue,

The University of Hartford dealt with a censorship incident in 1996.

In an attempt to prevent prospective students and their parents from seeing the front page of the February 29 issue of the Informer that featured these headlines: "Stray Bullets Fired, Strike Village Apartment" "Students Submit Proposal for Kegs at UHa" "Students Injured by Electric Shock," the admissions department removed all copies of the newspaper from the Gengras Student Union for the duration of the event.

According to Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, admissions did not have the right to remove the papers and the act was a form of censorship.

This is the kind of thing that third world dictators do, not people in the United States within a democracy," said Goodman. "Not only is this clearly censorship, but it is incredibly offensive as well.

"They're trying to give a warped picture of the university."

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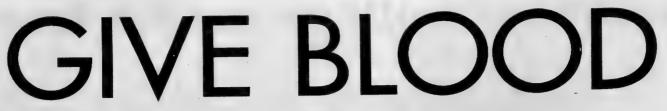
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Student Life Committee deals with student concerns

Committee to address: Homecoming, parking, recycling program

BY BUDDY JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The Student Life Committee is working for Lipscomb students.

The SGA brochure states that "the student life committee deals with student concerns that relate to university life and policy. It plans student/administrator forums as well as other events that enhance the quality of life for Lipscomb students."

Michael Thomas, committee chairman, said that the committee is striving to fulfill its mission statement.

"We really want to bring those extra benefits to the students," Thomas said.

Many of those benefits are beginning to show up.

Homecoming '98 won't be the Home-

coming-of-old that the upperclassmen will remember. This year's Homecoming will be different, and in a big way.

"We're real excited because there's a lot of cool stuff coming up," said sophomore senator Seth Portis.

This Homecoming week will be denoted as Spirit Week. This will involve in various dress-up days. In lieu of Jersey Day, though, all fraternities and sororities will be dressed in formal attire as seen at state schools across the nation.

Coke floats will be provided in Bison Square on Monday of Homecoming Week with a devotional schedule for Wednesday night. A concert is in the plans for the latter part of that week as well.

Friday, as always, will be "Purple and Gold Day" with cotton candy in the square. That night, there will be a tailgate party in front of McQuiddy Gymnasium.

The Student Life committee has plans for the future as well. One item on the agenda is installing a water fountain down by the intramural fields. A second item is to erect a sign in the day-parking area that will inform commuters of the happenings on campus. Another item involves putting up a calendar in the Student Center so students can plan ahead.

Yet another future possibility is starting a recycling program on campus. Steve Zanolini, director of facilities, will speak to the committee on the logistics of this idea Monday night.

"I now realize how much the SGA does for the students," said sophomore Ricky Holaway.

The Student Life committee is currently following up on several proposals sent to the administration for approval.

The first proposal, shaving the speed bumps to pre-construction heights, has passed and is being enacted.

The second proposal is under review by the administration. The proposal involves changing to visitor and four faculty parking spots to student parking in front of Elam Hall

Another proposal, suggesting upperclassmen dorms with no curfew in order to draw more juniors and seniors back to campus, was approved by the Dean of Students and is still under consideration by the administration.

"We're trying to make Lipscomb a better place for the students," said Portis.

The Student Life committee meets on Monday nights. All students are welcome to attend and voice their concerns.

"We want everybody to have a voice," Thomas said. ■

This article is the third in a six-part series on the SGA and its committees.

Next week, the series will focus on the entertainment committee.

Lipscomb professor authors new book

BY REGINA HAYES STAFF WRITER

Dr. Timothy Johnson, associate professor of history, has a new book coming to a bookstore near you next week.

The book, a biography entitled "Winfield Scott: The Quest for Military Glory," was released on October 6. It will be available in bookstores this week.

Gen. Scott had a 53-year career which spanned the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the beginning of the Civil War. His retirement came in the early 1860's, however, and caused him to withdraw from the public eye and be "lost in the shadows" of the more well known Civil war heroes.

Johnson was inspired to write a biography of Scott because so little attention

Winfield Scott

has been given to him in the past. He also hoped to interest unlikely readers of military histories through the attention he gave to Scott's personality.

"My goal was to produce a scholarly account



Johnson

of Winfield Scott's life that would provide new knowledge, while writing in such a way as to appeal to broader audience," Johnson said.

This biography, the product of a decade's research, portrays Scott as a military mastermind, but also as a man with many flaws.

"To get a picture of the full man you have to know the good and the bad," Johnson said.

The history is aimed at giving Scott credit, as well as criticism, more realistically than any of his previous biographies.

Reviews thus far have stated that Johnson has achieved his goal. Robert E. May, history professor at Purdue University, was "extremely impressed by Johnson's writing style and his ability to bring Scott alive."

Kirkus Reviews calls it "a scholarly biography of Scott," which gives him "long deserved but neglected credit."

The book has also been called "the most balanced portrait available of Scott."

Lipscomb University Bookstore has the book on order and will hold a book signing with Dr. Johnson on Saturday, November 14.

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Rally protests column in U. Maryland student newspaper

"I'm not advocating

of opinion, but there is a

and hatemongering."

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. --What began as a rally in opposition to hate speech Monday, quickly turned into an open forum of students, faculty and staff denouncing The Diamondback for irresponsibility and bias in the decision to print an inflammatory anti-gay guest col-

Demonstrators at the rally said last Friday's column by Carter Clark went beyond the boundaries of the newspaper standards and qualified as hate speech.

"I'm not advocating censorship or suppression of opinion, but there is a difference between opinion and hatemongering," said Marilee Lindemann, an associate professor of English and co-chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Faculty and Staff Association. "No newspaper has an obligation to pro-

vide a forum for the incoherent rants and raves of anyone. That is not suppression of speech.

Michelle Tobe, president of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Alliance, had concerns with treatment

of the guest column that she said gave the columnist legitimacy.

reactionary."

When you put someone as a guest columnist, it leads to the credibility of the writer," Tobe said. "Why was a letter that was so horribly written given a guest column? Put it where it belongs, in the letters to the editor, and give it the kind of exposure it deserves.

Despite accusations of giving the story legitimacy and being biased, The Diamondback Commentary Editor Joshua Kross said he printed the article because, regardless of the story's argument, it was free speech and protected by the First

Amendment in the Constitution.

But many stuvoiced something for the purpose dents opposition to the argument.

"People filled with such hate as Clark's exist. That is a fact of life we have to accept. But we do not have to accept

that The Diamondback will print whatever they are handed. They can allow free speech and still require civility," said Jessica Leshnoff, a junior journalism and art history major.

The rally in front of the Student Union,

organized by the LGBTA and supported by an array of campus organizations, came after a slew of recent hate crimes on and off campus. From last month's racial slurs left on a message board in Elkton Hall to the the brutal beating, which led to the death of an openly gay University of

Wyoming student, leaders are calling for stronger legiscensorship or suppression lation against hate

The recent incidifference between opinion dents touched a nerve among the campus community Marilee Lindman and students at the rally held signs that

read "University of Wyoming, it could happen here.'

'I think people are feeling very hurt and vulnerable right now," Director of Human Relations Gladys Brown said. "The act of publishing something for the purpose of inciting a community was very

irresponsible and "If The Diamondback's detrimental to the

goal is education, it entire student body." Student Union should be done in a way President Jonathan that is proactive and not publication of the guest column was sensational. Jonathan Nueman harmful to intelligent discourse.

"If The Diamondback's goal is education, it should be done in a way that is proactive and not reactionary," Neumann

Others cried for accountability to the student body on behalf of the paper. But the campus newspaper is not campus owned and is not held accountable to administration guidelines.

As the only daily publication on campus, it enjoys a monopoly on campus that most papers do not have.

"Normally a newspaper would be held accountable to its readership monetarily," said College of Journalism Associate Dean

Christopher Callahan. "Obviously this is not the case with The Diamondback, and this creates a unique situation. Of course, repeated discontent with a newspaper could begin to affect advertising, which is the life line of

the paper.'

Gladys Brown

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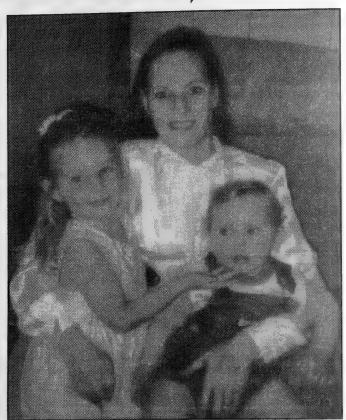
was very irresponsible and

detrimental to the entire

student body."

"Really, The Diamondback has turned into nothing but the Jerry Springer of campus," said senior Afro-American studies and government and politics major Martin

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Observations from the Vienna experience

(story cont. from page 1)

After some initial mishaps and unattractive mouth-stretching, the ever adaptable LIV students have devised a method of lip pursing and hand-to-mouth coordination that seems to have taken care of the problem. It's just one of those things that takes some getting used to.

We've also managed to discover the truth collecting games in foreign pakette." about an Austrian proverb that countries, and I've been told to food observagoes something "please try again" in at least like this: you can't throw a three different languages." semmel in Vienna (they make

great rock substitutes after a couple of days) without hitting a coffee house.

These cafes provide a great environment for studying or chatting, and it's perfectly acceptable for diners to stay at their table for two or three hours.

The European waiter's philosophy of. serving but not bothering provides for a relaxing experience; but, slightly, shall we say "playful," attitudes can arise when the waiter knows you're American.

And, believe me, they always know.

One of their favorite "games" is to wait until you're ready for your check and then disappear. If you do manage to catch the waiter's eye and wave him over, you can expect that he will nod his efficient waiter nod, wave back and go on with whatever he's doing until he's ready for you.

It's just another one of those things that takes some getting used to.

For breakfast and dinner, Lipscomb's travellers dine in the Kolping Haus cafeteria where the favorite dishes are schnitzel, schnitzel with eggs and schnitzel with fries. Every dinner is served with the aforemen-

tioned yummy soup, and very often the soup has croutons that look like Kix cereal or what can only be described as "grit balls" floating in it. (Serious utensils pro-

Portable meals with, bread, meat, cheese and "surprises" are provided for weekend travel, but to fully appreciate the experience, you must go and learn the true

meaning of the "Coco-Cola does play cap phrase "lunch

> One more tion before I move on from the entrancing culinary world. Coca-Cola and

Cola Light (Diet Coke) are very popular in their 0.5, 1 and 2 liter sizes, but there is a very obvious problem with the plastic security rings that never, ever break completely off the cap.

I must wax colloquial for a moment and say, "What's up with that?"

On the flip side, however, Coco-Cola does play cap collecting games in foreign countries, and I've been told to "please try again" in at least three different languages.

That's it for the food. I must say that I spend so much time discussing it because food is one of the only things that everyone in the group, regardless of different personal interests, can enjoy together. That and the fact that I have to make the food seem irresistible so I'll have an excuse for the 'supplementary insulation" I seem to be acquiring.

I guess that's one more thing that just takes some getting used to.

I have noticed, though, that Europeans on the whole tend to be in better physical shape than Americans. As a good little journalist, I propose that this is most likely

due to the fact that so many people in Europe ride bicycles or use public transportation.

Aside from the aspect of convenience, visitors to Europe can use public transportation for more than just getting from one place to another -- buses, trams, and the U-Bahn (subway) are perfect laboratories for observing fashion.

The first rule of European fashion: you are all kinds of un-cool if you don't wear black. Actually, the preference is completely black, and your look is even better if you can throw some leather in there somewhere.

As far as accessories go, even the hippest ensemble can be "spiced" up with platform shoes, sandals, and, yes, even

sneakers. These marvels of engineering can vary in height from a couple of inches to several inches, making shoes a safe substitute for Human Growth Hormone but life of the [U-Bahn face.]" for your ankles very frightening.

The underground public transport system is also the best place to observe that most amazing of Viennese phenomena the U-Bahn face.

Imagine playing high-stakes poker with the guards from Buckingham Palace, and you can get a pretty good mental picture of the accepted demeanor. Unfortunately, most of us Americans haven't quite perfected the U-Bahn face or adhered to the tradition of silence, but I guess that's something the Austrians will get used to.

A smaller percentage of people own cars and drive in Europe, but their presence is felt in the elaborate system of crosswalks

that covers the streets.

For the first couple of days, I was very careful not to anger any European drivers by walking out in front of their cars. I soon realized, though, that the folks in their Volkswagens actually yield to pedestrians. For crying out loud, they even stop and let you go when there isn't a crosswalk!

However, a very effective system of checks and balances keeps pedestrians under control.

Lots of people use the bicycle lanes that run parallel to the sidewalks, and this is probably the only place I'll ever be where I'm in greater danger of being totally clobbered by a bicycle than by a car. It's just so dang hard to get used to those dingy bicycle bells, but I've got to learn to keep

my little booty "Imagine playing high- out of the bike

> Observations about things such as serious utensils and traffic customs may seem trivial, but one of the surprising things about this little excursion is

the trivial elements of home that we've missed.

For example, Vienna is flooded with Coca-Cola, but Dr. Pepper is conspicuous-

I've heard people in the group say they miss everything from their neighbor's dog to Sports Center to fresh vegetables, of all things.

But, we are in the process of proving that human beings are, indeed, adaptable, and that, with a good eye for observation, even the things that take some getting used to can be conquered.

64% of students believe they will retire by the age of 50, online poll finds

(PRNewswire) MONTVALE, N.J. --When asked at what age they think they'll retire, 64% of students polled by KPMG Peat Marwick LLP's innovative recruiting Web site www.kpmgcampus.com say by the age of 50 they will retire.

"It's astounding that two-thirds of students feel that by the age 50, they will be able to take an early retirement," said Bernie Milano, Partner in Charge of University Relations, Diversity and Alumni Programs at KPMG. "This shows that the majority of students are confident in their future financial success."

In response to the question "At what age do you think you'll retire..."

- 1% of students think they will be under 30 when they retire

-- 2% of students think they will be between 30 and 40 when they retire

-- 61% of students think they will be between 40 and 50 when they retire

-- 17% of students think they will be between 50 and 60 when they retire

-- 19% of students believe they will be over 60 when they retire

This question was the third in a series the accounting, tax and consulting firm is asking in a weekly online poll for students to tally their views on emerging issues affecting their lives.

Students can vote by dialing into www.kmpgcampus.com and responding to the question of the week by selecting the choice that best corresponds with their

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Editorials

Giving the gift: benefit run, blood drive

There are two events coming up where Lipscomb students can make a difference in the Nashville community.

Neither event requires much time or effort on the students part. But both stand to prove very rewarding.

The first event is the 24 hour relay run organized by the cross country teams.

Runners from the cross country teams will run in 30 minute shifts with a partner for a 24 hour period. The teams have gathered donations to sponsor the run.

Students have the opportunity to pledge money to the run to benefit the Youth Encouragement Services. Many students are familiar with Youth Hobby Shop and Inner City Tutoring run by Y.E.S.

By making a donation to the benefit run, students can help continue the work of Y.E.S. It only takes a few dollars to make a

This paper wishes to be the first to wish the runners good luck on their running and their fundraising. It is encouraging to see students use their gifts to help others.

Students will also have the opportunity to donate blood at the Cirkle K blood drive

This paper has reported in the past the numbers surrounding the blood drive, but the numbers stand repeating.

For every pint donated, three units of blood can be used in emergency situations at area hospitals.

Sixty percent of Americans are eligible to donate, but only 4% regularly give. Lipscomb has slightly better numbers in that around 8% of eligible donors give each

But there is no reason that the numbers shouldn't be higher.

Circle K has set a goal of 200 donors for the blood drive. If that many students, faculty and staff give, the Red Cross will meet one third of its daily need of 600 pints for the Mid-South Region.

But let's shoot for one half or even 100% of the daily need for the region.

Yes, there is some pain associated with giving. It never is pleasant to have a large needle stuck in your arm and left there for 10 minutes. But the pain can't compare to the satisfaction of knowing you helped someone in need.

Yes, there are some temporary effects of giving. You can't lift anything heavy and you will have to skip going to the SAC to play some ball for a day. But the effects pass within hours and your donation allows someone else to enjoy those same experi-

Yes, there are some inconveniences associated with giving. It takes about a hour to fully complete the process. But one hour seems insignificant when you think about how "inconvenient" it is to be in an accident and face a shortage of your blood

Yes, giving blood can be painful, frightening and inconvenient. But the rewards far outweigh the drawbacks. By giving, you are helping to possibly save

If you are a regular donor, take a friend who may be new to the process. Get them into the habit. If you are a new donor, take along a friend for support. The process goes much better with someone to encourage you as you give. And you can always make fun of them as they give.

Good luck to both events.

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A caution on pledging

It is pledging time and with it comes the standard editorial in The Babbler cautioning against pledging abuses.

It seems like the same arguments are made each year, but it also seems as if the same abuses are made each year.

The Babbler is not trying to stir up controversy with this editorial. It is not the goal to start a discussion on whether Lipscomb should have clubs. Instead, the goal is to ensure a safe and "enjoyable" process for all those involved

As it currently stands, the pledge period is three weeks. In those three weeks, pledges will take numerous tests on club procedures, get hundreds of signatures and spend long hours visiting with actives. Amid all of this activity, pledges still must balance spiritual, academic and social con-

It is obviously an exhausting process.

The challenge for clubs is to ensure that exhausting does not become overwhelming.

It is important for pledges to have time to focus on important matters at Lipscomb such as devotional time and studies. Clubs that provide these opportunities should be commended. Clubs that do not should

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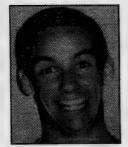
Student Voices

What do you think of the pledging process?



Elizabeth Moffat

I think pledging is a great way to meet people but I think some clubs carry it too far.



Wesley Mullins

I think pledging is cool because you get the chance to laugh at people making a fool of themselves.



Kelly Reddick

I enjoyed pledging, but I also believe a lot can be improved in the social club system.



Josh Maxwell

You are a poor specimen if you can not handle the pressures of adversity.

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From the editor's desk: October is mea culpa month for me

STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN CHIEF

What have I gotten myself into?

Let me just begin this little mea culpa by apologizing about the lateness of this week's Babbler.



I have been a bit behind all week and this is the final result. The paper is finally out (I hope it got to you before you left for the weekend) and I am off to chaperone a 5th-6th grade lock-in so rest is not in sight for the weary. So I hope you can excuse this bit of tardiness.

Looking back at the month of October, I feel like a bit of an idiot. It has been one mistake after another. (I think I know a bit how Clinton felt after his apology tour '98.)

I began the mistake parade by misidentifying Mrs. Linda Allen in a photo caption

about the Allen Bell Tower groundbreaking. It is a bit embarrassing to incorrectly identify the name of one of the donors for the tower.

Then I look at last week's paper and realize we were somewhat misleading in one of our front page stories.

Due to an editing mix-up, the story on the honor code contained references to "an anonymous survey conducted by *The Babbler*." The wording of that phrase may have left questions in readers minds about what kind of survey it was.

The survey responses were from 20 students who were able to give their answers without revealing their identities.

Obviously, *The Babbler* (and I as editor) should not have drawn such generalizations about cheating based upon only 20 responses. The number is simply not large enough to ensure an accurate representation.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. I should have made sure the

wording was clear and understandable.

However, this paper does stand behind the fact that there were students who said they had cheated or observed cheating. Even as small as the survey was, it showed that there was cheating taking place in spite of the honor code.

It may be something to which this paper needs to devote more attention. We may look at developing a full scale survey to accurately gauge the attitudes of students to the honor code.

But on with the show.

I want to take the remaining space of this column to address a few comments I have received about *The Babbler*.

It comes as a bit of a surprise to me that many students may see "The Babbler as an extension of the administration and promotion for the SGA rather than a voice for the students." (Letter to the editor, Oct. 15) It seems a bit odd that others feel that The Babbler is constantly censored from reporting "hard news."

This paper is operating under the guidelines of being "fair, accurate and balanced." If the news can be reported under those terms, it is reported.

One only has to look at Sept. 2 issue to realize that there is no censorship of the paper. The administration, while legally permitted to censor *The Babbler*, has allowed stories that are "negative" to run. The stories must simply be "fair, accurate and balanced."

Granted, there are some things that *The Babbler* can not and will not say. But these are not censorship issues. They are libel issues.

This paper is attempting to operate in the most professional manner possible. While the staff is comprised entirely of students, the guidelines for conduct are the same as found at any major paper in America.

I hope that you will continue to read The Babbler this year and let me know what you think. Thanks. ■

Moral apathy contradicts humanity

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --Perhaps, heard of David C. Cash, a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley, who went to Las Vegas with a buddy, Jeremy Strohmeyer, in May 1997.

Strohmeyer, while in a casino, had been playing with a 7-year-old girl named Sherrice Iverson. He reportedly chased her into a rest room and began to threaten her life and muffle her screams. His friend witnessed the scene from the adjoining stall and decided to leave because, according to a "60 Minutes" interview, he didn't feel that Iverson's life was in danger and, "When an 18-year-old male grabs a 7-year-old child ... that's not a position I want to be in. ... It wasn't something that I wanted to stick around and, you know, see what would materialize."

Twenty minutes later, Sherrice Iverson was dead, allegedly after being sexually assaulted and choked by Strohmeyer.

Last week, Strohmeyer was sentenced to four life terms in prison. Cash, in contrast, is a free man and, though he could have prevented Iverson's senseless death, he is continuing his studies at UC-Berkeley amid fervent protests and intense criticism.

The prosecutor of the case said "moral reprehensibility is not a crime," and Cash did nothing illegal, so unfortunately, he could not be prosecuted. In the eyes of the law, he did not break any laws.

This preposterous assertion seems to be in total contradiction of the innate responsibility of all human beings -- the responsibility of helping those in need. I doubt that Cash can be classified as a human being at all.

During a radio show in Los Angeles he was questioned about his role in the event and responded, "I have a lot of remorse toward the Iverson family. ... The simple fact remains I don't know this little girl. ... I don't know people in Panama or Africa who are killed every day, so I can't feel remorse for them. The only person I know is Jeremy Strohmeyer."

While the destitution and poverty

prevalent in Panama and Africa is obviously not in Cash's hands, Iverson's life was. He had the opportunity to intervene and help but instead chose to walk away and protect his friend. The majority of students at UC-Berkeley, and many others, believe that he is as much responsible for her death as is Strohmeyer.

This is not an isolated incident either. One famous example is that of Kitty Genovese of Queens, N.Y. Late one night In 1964, Genovese was attacked by an unknown intruder. She screamed and called for help. Other residents in the building turned on their lights and yelled for her to be quiet. In the span of half an hour, 38 people witnessed the scene and only one called the police. Unfortunately, it was too late, and Genovese died. It is also quite shocking that only four states --Minnesota, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin -- have Good Samaritan laws and only a handful of other states have lower tier "Duty to Assist" laws. Iverson's death should be a wake up call to all of us.

As human beings, we have a duty to help those in need. The moral apathy of Cash is not unusual. Though we all believe and say that we are good and moral people, we all enjoyed the fun that was poked at Good Samaritan laws in the final episode of Seinfeld. In fact, most of us are all lucky that nothing has happened yet in our presence to test our word. As for Cash, I believe that he should be expelled from UC-Berkeley. After all, they place so much emphasis on standardized test scores and grade point averages, shouldn't they also make sure that their students have souls?

I do believe in the natural goodness of people, but David Cash is an exception. Perhaps this Californian said it best: "Probably, the second-to-the-last thing she saw was his friend leaving the scene. ... He was her redeemer, her savior and abandoned her."

Kanika Chawla is a columnist for the Daily Lobo (U. New Mexico.)

Giving the gift of life

BY ADAM GOODE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Tuesday, Oct. 27, through Thursday Oct. 29, Circle K International is sponsoring a blood drive. You can sign up for a time in the student center until Monday, Oct. 26.

What does it require?

Giving blood requires only a small portion of your time. Expect it to take at least an hour.

What is an hour of your time though?

In that hour, you are giving life to three people. For those who have a rare blood type, like myself, it is almost instant life. The Red Cross in this area is in desperate need of blood. Along with giving life to three people, you will also receive a free T-shirt. There is also going to be food provided for those who donate.

We realize that there are those who can't donate for many reasons, but over 60% of our campus is eligible to give blood, and less than 4% actually does.

Think about this story.

A car is traveling down the road, the driver following all traffic laws respectively. Out of nowhere, a car veers into the path of the car causing an awesome collision.

The driver of the car that caused the accident is fine, and suffered only minor cuts and bruises. The law abiding person is on their way to the hospital barely hanging onto life.

The ambulance driver radios ahead and tells them to be ready for a blood transfusion. Without it, the person will die. As they arrive, the blood is not wait-

ing, and as a result, the patient dies.

That patient could be your father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or it could be you. Did you give? Did you save that life?

If you are able, give blood.

As the scriptures remind us, Christ gave all of his blood so that we might live. Can you give a little that another might live?

Please donate

There are people who die everyday because there is a lack of blood. Help save three lives. Donate blood, Oct. 27-29. Sign up now in the Student Center.

Adam Goode is the public relations director for the Lispcomb University chapter of Circle K International.

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OFF BEAT

Painting the Bison: a Lipscomb tradition

BY JENNIFER MICK
BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

Most students walk by the bison on a daily basis.

And almost every day, the bison is painted differently.

What does it actually mean to spray paint the bison? Does it still get the attention of the students, or has it become too much of a routine?

"Spray painting the bison has lost its punch. You don't have to sneak around and do it anymore" said Lesley Cromer, a junior family relations and management major.

"The security guard held his flashlight for me while I painted the bison." said Brett Harrison, a junior Bible major.

Things have changed at Lipscomb over the years.

Scott McDowell, assistant vice president/ dean of campus life, said that for several years security tried to prevent the painting of the bison.

"Security guards used to sit on top of Burton Bible building, and try to take pictures of the students in the act of paining the bison," he said. "But the pictures never came out."

Spray painting the bison is no longer the work of vandals, but more of an expression.

"I think spray painting the bison is a tradition that promotes school spirit," said

Ashley Sadler, a junior elementary education major.

Lately, the bison is getting paint jobs from the dorms.

Johnson Hall and High Rise have both had their names on the bison, and even the honors Hebrew history class made their mark

The bison gets the most coats of paint during pledging. Just about every club paints its Greek letters on the bison for all the campus to see. The social clubs will agree that Delta Nu does the best job of keeping their letters on the bison, during the three week pledging process.

The bison also sparks some creativity within the students. The bison has been in camouflage, the Easter bunny, a cow, a ladybug, and many more interesting things.

The most powerful thing the bison can do is serve as a memorial.

Last year when Chris Witte died in a motorcycle accident, Delta Tau painted the Bison for him, and it really caught the attention of the student body.

"I think it was really neat how the boys painted the bison on the anniversary of Chris's death" said McDowell.

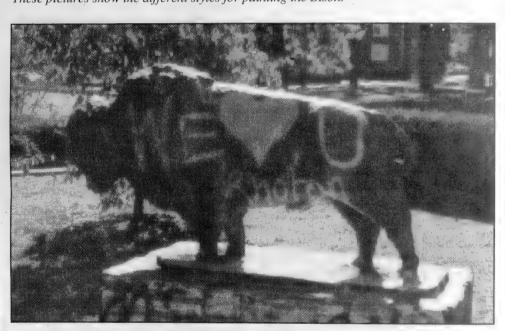
The bison also served as a memorial for Kevin Adams when he past away last year.

Spray painting the bison is a tradition that will continue on in the future of Lipscomb University. ■



PHOTOS BY STEVE SHIRLEY

These pictures show the different styles for painting the Bison.



Page 10 update!!!

The Babbler hopes to devote page 10 to the offbeat or unusual subject. If you know of a story that would be good for this page, let us know at ext. 1829 or drop us a line at box 4126.

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CHAOS by Brian Shuste

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CHAOS by Brian Shus



. let's see, 'Red sky at night, sailor's delight; Red sky in morning, sailors take warning. Shoot! Does anyone know a rhyme about huge, gray funnel clouds?"

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



Yellow Feather hadn't figured out the fine points in the game of fetch.

ALL I REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM THE BABBLER



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Coming Events

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Circle K is sponsoring a blood drive Oct. 27-29. Sign up for a donation time in the student center.

The last day to drop classes is Oct. 28. Go by the Registrar's office for drop/add forms.

The SGA is sponsoring a Halloween Bash for Oct. 29. Call 1831 for more info.

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Last week's Games of the Week results April St. John Kim Chaudoin 9-2 Matt Baggett 9-2 Sean McAfee 7-4 Steve Shirley 6-5 Jeremy Sowders Kim Chaudoin Sean McAfee Guest Guesser Steve Shirley Jeremy Sowders "The Underdog" Dr. Steve Flatt "The New Guy" "Token Female" "The Mac "The Boss Man" Tennessee UT Alabama vs Rama UT UT Vols The Vols love this This game is going to Bye, bye Bama! Tide rolls to another UT -- no respect in polls Go big Orange! Tennessee October tradition. loss Take it out on Bama!! surprise people Gamecocks Vandy SC South Carolina South Carolina Vandy Sorry Vandy, you can't Even SC is better than Trust me on this one. Battle of the worst. 0-7 against Carolinavs. Vanderbilt This sure is getting old even beat SC. Vandy Sorry Vandy they're due. Dawgs UK Wildcats Kentucky Georgia vs. UK Kentucky Couch for president!! Where's the respect?!? Air raid warning. My upset of the week Mumme has Cats mov-Gotta go with my home Kentucky Dawgs chew up Cats Take cover now!!! Cats have confidence. ing in right direction. state. Bulldogs LSU Miss. St. vs. LSU **Tigers** Miss. St. LSU Miss. St. runs over Tigers take out frustra-Bulldogs lost to a Big LSU is reeling Tigers will rebound LSU This game scares me tion on Bulldogs. Tigers 12 team. Booo!!! after tough loss. **Techsters** La Tech vs. La. Tech Auburn Auburn La. Tech **Tigers** Auburn needs to play La. Tech is one team I like the feline mas-Who cares? Make it two wins for I'll pick Vandy over Auburn Vandy they can beat. the Tigers. Auburn cots. Nebraska Huskers Missouri vs. **Tigers** Nebraska Nebraska Nebraska Mad Huskers aren't No need for "miracle I see a trend here. Ani-Go Huskers! After upset to A&M. Nebraska Huskers Roll. fun to play catch" this year mal mascots are tops Corhuskers are mad. A&M Red Raiders A & M **Texas Tech Aggies** Texas Tech vs. A&M Tough inter-state match-I love rivalries. Bring A&M gets BIG Here's to the 12th man Big 12 is still full of Texas A&M But who cares? up. Aggies stronger. out best in everyone. surprise and midnight bonfires fakes. FSU FSU FSU FSU FSU vs. Depends on which Yellow Jackets The Yellow Jackets Noles are a stronger Seminoles too much for Rambling Wreck: not Georgia Tech Seminoles get stung Tech team shows up. are the ones who will team. streaky Georgia Tech enough big plays Sat. be stune Rills Bills Buffalo vs. Buffalo Buffalo Buffalo **Panthers** Bills stronger team than winless Carolina. CFL poster boy, Flutie. Flutic's great! Flutic is back and Car-Flutie plays the right Flutie needs to go back Carolina shows his stuff, olina can't beat anyone. notes after Jax upset to Canada Denver Denver Jacksonville vs. Denver Can anybody beat the **Jaguars** Broncos Denver Denver is a machine Experience will win Another feline Denver home field But it will be a great Denver out. Broncos this year? mascot... spells win game. Tennessee TN Bears **Oilers** Da Bears **Oilers** Chicago vs. Oilers finally get some Let's go for three in a I don't know why. Just If TN would change Houston goes for two in a Offense is rolling now. Tennessee confidence. row. the name to a cat. because. row at home

Your picks	
Alabama vs. Tennessee	Name
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Missouri vs. Nebraska	Contest Rules 1. All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 4pm
Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M	2. Only one entry per contestant per week.3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but
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Buffalo vs. Carolina	coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and
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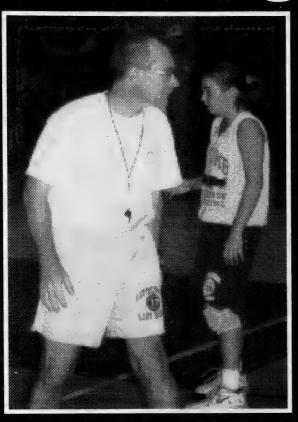
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Steve Shirley 53-23
Matt Baggett 50-26
Sean McAfee 49-27
Jeremy Sowders 39-37

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No contestants had a bette

No contestants had a better record than April St. John's 9-2.

Last week's overall student champion: Barry Logan with a record of 9-2.

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The Cheap Seats: Summer Days, Drifting Away

By Tim Smith and Steven Toney columnists

Once again, the long, warm summer days are starting to slip through our fingers and fade into the cold, harsh winter. But between these two contrasting seasons comes none other than the season of fall. And with fall in full swing, it can only mean two things.

One, the Canadian Geese are migrating south, and two, almost every single sport known to man is in season. From the World Series, to football, to the NHL, and possibly the NBA (whiners), the sports scene is coasting at full power.

With so much going on, though, even the biggest sports fan can get confused at times

Was it the Flyers who kicked the field goal at the buzzer to beat the Padres? Or was it the Vanderbilt Commodores who hit a clutch free throw to send them and the Timberwolves in to a shootout?

With all these sports happening at once, it gets crazy. However, never fear, for we at the Cheap Seats are here. We'll help you get all this sports mayhem straight, and maybe even help you learn a thing or two.

What's that you say? Shut up and get to the sports? Here it comes.

◆The Yankees offense was too much for the Padres. It was the Yankees in four. Here's a little know fact. Every year that the Kentucky Wildcats have won the NCAA National championship, the Yankees have won the World Series. And up until this year, the Cowboys had won the Super Bowl every year, also.

Oh well, maybe Dallas will win it this year. Sure.

◆Tim Couch was named the National Player of the Week by USA Today on Monday. He was almost perfect on Saturday versus LSU, completing 37 of 50 passes for 391 yards and three touchdowns. He has already thrown for over 4,000 yards this season. He has also broken 17 school records and 10 SEC records. Many Kentucky fans are hoping for a bowl game this year. Couch is doing a remarkable job. He has brought a program that was sinking lower than attendance at Oilers' games to a new level.

♦Here's the latest off the wire in high school football. This week, at Chatfield High in Colorado, the place kicker improved the stats to 23 of 23 in extra points, and three for three in field goals for the season. And to top it all off, this kicker won Homecoming queen. How, might you ask? This kicker is Katie Hnida. After the sash was placed around her shoulder pads on Friday, she immediately ripped it off and headed for the locker room.

◆College football quickies: Georgia Tech has amazing comeback against Virginial; the Bruins topped Oregon in OT; Vandy loses; LSU falls to Kentucky by a last second field goal; Vandy loses again; Seminoles crush the Tigers, 48-0; the Bulldogs win, causing Vandy to lose, again.

Well, we hope that sets everything straight for you. Hopefully we didn't confuse you anymore. If we did, just tune in next week, as we try even harder to turn the sports world upside down and inside out to dissect and take apart everything in this very confusing, yet entertaining thing they call sports.

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Cross Country:

Oct. 24-25 "Give the Gift" benefit run

Volleyball:

Oct. 23-24 @ Trevecca TBA Oct. 27 @ Trevecca 7 p.m.

Golf:

Oct. 26-27 Temple Hills Collegiate

* denotes home game

Cross country teams run for Youth Encouragement Services

important to do service

together because it brings

Members organize 24 hour relay run, seek donations

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Cross country team members are used to early morning training runs.

But even to the most dedicated runner, running at 3 a.m. is unheard of.

Until now.

Members of the cross country teams are planning to take part in a 24 hour relay run to benefit the Youth us closer together and to Encouragement Services.

According to Will Daly, a member of the men's team and event organizer, the run was the logical means of

a fundraiser. "We based the run on the scripture that

God."

says to 'Use the gift God has given you,'" Daly said. "Our gift is running."

Daly said the teams chose Youth Encouragement | Services because of their work with Youth Hobby Shop and Inner City tutoring.

"A lot of students are familiar with the work of Y.E.S.," Daly said. "We just wanted to

help raise money in a unique way."

Members of the teams will take turns running in 30 minute shifts around the high school track from 7 a.m. Saturday until 6 a.m. Sunday. There will be two runners running at all times during the event. Each runner will run a total of about 2.5 hours during the entire event.

treat."

"It looks like 23 hours," Daly said. "But Sunday is the day we change our clocks. We will still be running for 24 total hours."

Team members have approached students and area churches to sponsor the event and to pledge money towards the \$2,000 goal.

"Our sponsors can pledge money for every hour or just give a flat fee," Daly said. "All the money will then go to the Youth Encouragement Services."

Mari-Etta Mahaffey, a member of the women's team and event participant, said

that the benefit run "Our team thinks its will help draw the

> "Our thinks its important to do service together because it brings us closer together and to Mari-Etta Mahaffey God," she said. "We believe that it is important to be

a good example to other athletic teams, the school and our community."

Tim Lavender, a member of the men's team, said that he is looking forward to the

"Never before have I run at midnight

and then gotten up "Never before have I at 4:30 to run again," he said.
"It's gonna be a run at midnight and then gotten up at 4:30 to run

Daly said that students can still donate money to the event.

"We will take donations up to the

time we run," he said. "And in fact, we won't cut the final check for about two weeks until all the pledge money comes in. So if students have to wait a little before paying, that is still alright."

Tim Lavender

Members of the cross country teams said thhe would love to have students and friends come out to the high school track to cheer them on as they take part in the benefit run.

again. It's gonna be a

If you would like to make a donation to the 24 hour relay run, you can give your money to any cross country runner.

To Donate:

Donations can also be sent by campus mail to Will Daly at Box 377.

The Sports Column

Player strike put behind baseball after great season

watching in awe. Fan

needed to get back on

time high

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, Calif. --The 1998 Major League Baseball season was the best ever, hands down.

While Mac and Sammy were battling for the most prestigious record in sports, the world was watching in awe. Fan interest was at an all-time high and the players' strike of 1994 was nothing but a speck of dust in a distant universe.

But Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa

were not the only reason that baseball While Mac and Sammy reclaimed its rightful place as America's national pas- most presitgious record

The New York in sports, the world was Yankees rebounded from an 0-3 start to win 114 games, the interest was at an all most in the Major Leagues since the 1906 Cubs. The

1998 Yankees established themselves as not only one of the best teams in the history of baseball, but did it with class and style - and without the help of one true superstar.

The Yankees also had two of the most remarkable stories in the baseball world, in the form of David Wells and Darryl Strawberry.

Wells, the proverbial 'working-class hero,' pitched a perfect game in May, only

the 13th time in baseball history that the The hitting was tremenfeat has been accomplished. Making the dous, the pitching was perfect game even more special was the awesome, and the fan fact that Wells is a support and participabeer-drinking, overweight, Babe Ruth tion was what the game look-alike.

Strawberry, on the other hand, was track. slated to be a role

player in the Yankee outfield. Once the kingpin of the baseball fraternity, the Straw straightened out his act to lead the Yankees in home runs and earned the role

In addition to Mac's 70 home runs and Sosa taking the alternate Route 66, there were two other sluggers to reach the magical 50 plateau. Greg Vaughn of the San Diego Padres hit his 50th on the season's final day, and Ken Griffey Jr. received the least attention of his career. though he blasted 56. This was the first time that more than two hitters reached 50 home runs in the same season.

Though McGwire's 70 home runs may be the number receiving all of the hoopla, perhaps 2,632 should be the number on everyone's mind. Those were the number of days Cal Ripken Jr. showed up

for work, consecutively. The new 'Iron Man,' Ripken redefined the way his position should be played, and did so without ever saying a word or missing a day. This record will never be broken.

Alex Rodriguez provided America with another reason that baseball will be in the forefront for the next generation. At only 23 years of age, A-Rod achieved what had only been done twice previous-

> ly, hitting 40 home runs and stealing 40 bases in the same season. Rodriguez will be the man to take baseball on his back, and may become the next Michael Jordan.

Barry Bonds, however, took A-Rod's mark to the next level. Bonds became the first player in the game's

storied past to hit 400 home runs and steal 400 bases in his career. Though Bonds may be portrayed as a self-righteous egomaniac by the media, there is a reason. He backs it up.

And how about Kerry Wood? Coming out of the same neck of the woods as Nolan Ryan, this rookie phenom exploded on the scene with a fastball wicked enough to fan 20 batters in one game, matching the record held by Roger

> Clemens. Wood will win the National League rookie of the year award and may be on the scene for quite a few years.

> Speaking of Roger Clemens, the man seems to be a lock for his unprecedented fifth Cy Young award. "The Rocket" led the

American League in strikeouts and ERA, and did not lose a start from May until the end of the season.

Juan Gonzalez made a run at Hack Wilson's seemingly unbreakable 190 RBIs in a season, finishing with 157 - but Sammy Sosa did him one better, ending up with 158, the most in a season since 1949. These clutch producers will each be their respective leagues' most valuable players.

Incredible. The 1998 baseball season could not be described any other way. The hitting was tremendous, the pitching was awesome, and the fan support and participation was what the game needed to get back on track. From Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa to the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs, 1998 was truly what baseball is all about.

NEWS

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What are these kids so excited about? Read about their Trick-or-Treat adventures on page 6.

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Bell Tower construction claims volleyball courts

Students express confusion, anger over news

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Lipscomb students will have to adjust to one less sand volleyball court for the immediate future.

As part of the construction of the Allen Bell Tower, workers were forced to remove both courts and relocate one to the area between the SAC and the right field fence of the softball field.

Steve Zanolini, director of facilities, said the move of the courts was necessary because they sat within the construction

"The footprint literally would have cut the courts in half," Zanolini said. "It was clear we had to move the volleyball

Zanolini said that one of the courts is in the process of being moved to beside the SAC. Due to the construction, there will not be room for the second court.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

A pile of dirt is all that remains from the sandvolleyball courts.

replace the second court," Zanolini said. ing of the courts. "But I am not saying that that issue is

Zanolini said he had been in contact with SGA president Matthew McInteer to "At this time, there is no plan to help get student input concerning the mov-

"Matthew wanted the second court if at all possible," Zanolini said. "But the second court was going to be too close to the construction site."

Zanolini said plans are being made to

make the existing court more accessible to students.

"Matthew has asked that in the early spring that there be lights put out there," Zanolini said. "So we are going to try to put something out there to light up the

At issue to many students was the lack of information from the administration to the students concerning the construction.

Barrett Reed said he was caught by surprise when the courts were removed.

"One day the courts are there," he said. "The next thing you know, there was a big fence there and the courts were gone. It doesn't seem like the administration is respecting the SGA's efforts. The SGA built those courts for the school and now the school is taking them away.'

Patrick Sullivan said he was unclear about what the process for the courts was. He didn't know either court was to return.

"I am glad they are building the bell tower," he said. "But what is going to happen to the courts? I haven't heard an explanation on what is going on."

(story continued on page 5)

Good turnout for blood drive

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Lipscomb students rolled up their sleeves this week to help those in need.

As part of Circle K's semesterly blood drive, students have the opportunity to give blood.

Lori Phifer said that she gave blood Tuesday in order to help others in need.

"It seems like such an easy way to serve," she said. "Ever since I have been old enough, I have always tried to give. My donation can help three people."

James McGregor said he took his inspiration to give from Jesus.

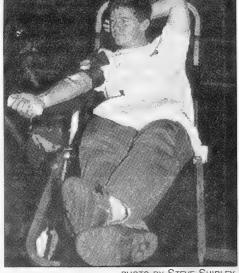
"Jesus gave his blood for me so I figure I can give for others," McGregor said.

Lindsey Wilson, event organizer, said that this year's drive went extremely well.

"We had 271 people sign up in the Student Center," Wilson said. "We exceeded our goal of 200 students."

Wilson said that giving blood is a great way for students to help their community.

"It is an easy way to save lives without even leaving campus," she said. "There is a severe shortage of donors in Nashville and when Lipscomb students give, it really helps the entire community."



Thomas O'Neal shows his form donating

Wilson said she is not satisfied with topping last year's totals or beating this year's goals.

"I would love to see us fill up these courts with beds and donors," Wilson said. "We should be able to just blow the Red Cross out of the water with our involvement. I would love to see our school show up in huge numbers."

Russian financial crisis affects Lipscomb students

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

The recent economic crisis in Russia is having an effect on several Lipscomb

Because of the Russian ruble's steep decline in value and rising inflation in their home country, many Russian students face unique challenges at Lipscomb.

"It's hard to live in a nice place and have good food, when you know your family is struggling everyday back home," said Sasha Avenarius, one of Lipscomb's Russian students.

According to Avenarius before it fell, six rubles were worth about a dollar. Last week it took eighteen rubles to equal one dollar.

The rapid inflation equates to a 66% drop in purchasing power. It would be like a Lipscomb student who deposits \$100 in the bank only to find a week later that he

According to Avanrius, the fall came as such a shock because things in Russia were looking up financially.

"You could buy food, a house, every-

thing," she said. "Now you can't."

Avenarius said that now, many of the Russian students face uncertainties about their future here in America and their families back home.

One student walks to the Green Hills Mall to go to work and doesn't make it back until after they stop serving dinner and can not afford food at the mall. Another student's visa doesn't allow her to work off campus. Another whose parents were paying will now have to fund her own education.

They spend much of their money calling home to check on family. Their parents can't afford to call often and when they do, much of the conversation surrounds the financial problems.

The crisis has been more than a financial blow, it has had an emotional one as

"Sometimes you just sit and cry."

However, the students are grateful for their experiences here.

"We feel so blessed to have the opportunities we have," one student said of herself and her friends attending college here and living in this country.

Your World at a Glance

International

Weakened but still powerful, Hurricane Mitch is battering the coastal regions of the Western Carribean. Mitch, now downgraded from a category 5 storm, is pounding the coasts of Honduras and Belize.

NATO officials are keeping a close watch on the movements of Yugoslav troops. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic said that his troops would withdraw from Kosovo.

Israeli hardliners and Palestinian fundamentalists are threatening to derail the peace agreement between the two sides. Critics say that the agreement, signed last week, basically is a land for peace deal.

National

The Space Shuttle Discovery is ready for launch today. Sen John Glenn will become the oldest person in space as he and the other members of the crew prepare to spend more than a week in space.

Investigators are looking for a serial killer in connection with the murder of Buffalo area physician Barnett Slepian. Slepian, who performed abortions, was shot while standing in his kitchen by a sniper. He is the fifth abortion doctor shot by a high powered rifle in the last four years in the New York area.

Officials from the state of Utah and Davis County are investigating accusations that narcotic agents, after raiding a suspect's home, watched three adult videos on the suspect's Direct TV system. Anthony Passarelli, who pleaded guilty to two second-degree felony counts of drug possession, plans to sue for the bill.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

These students enjoy the Sewell Hall cook-out.

Local

Byron Looper will be arraigned today in connection with the murder of state Sen. Tommy Burks. Looper has denied involvement with the murder but Putnam county residents are organizing a write in campaign for Burks' widow Charlotte.

Metro teachers were set to discuss the most recent offer from the school board of a 3% pay increase. However, based on teacher reaction Tuesday night, it is unlikely that teachers will vote to accept the offer. Teachers are holding out for a 5.75% pay hike.

With the election less than a week away, voter interest may be picking up. While the governor's race is not getting much attention, area races are picking up momentum. Of interest to Nashvillians is a term limit referendum.

Business

The U.S. dollar is under pressure from countries threatening devaluation. Brazil is the latest country to look at devaluing their currency.

Wall Street is in the midst of a mild resurgence. After sharp declines, prompting speculation of a recession, the markets how slowly climbed back.

The National Retail Federation is predicting gains of 4-6% in retail sales this holiday season. The NRF said that, based on sales during the first three quarters, the fourth quarter outlook is positive.

Government lawyers in the Microsoft case are preparing to use a taped deposition from Bill Gates. Microsoft lawyers argue the tape violates the agreement that both sides will only call 12 witnesses.

Sports

The NBA lockout continues to drag on. Owners are threatening to cancel the rest of the November schedule if the two sides can't come to agreement this week.

The Nashville Predators picked up their second win of the season Tuesday night against the Vancouver Canucks. The Predators, who led the game 4-2 going into the third period fought off a Vancouver rally for a 5-4 win.

The Tennessee Oilers gave away the game to the Chicago Bears Sunday. The Oilers will travel to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers Sunday.

The UT Vols now know where they stand in the BCS standings. UT is third in the standings with a 6.50 rating. UCLA is first with a 3.04 rating and Ohio State is second with a4.31 rating. The top two teams will square off in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship.

Vanderbilt broke a 22-game SEC losing streak in the victory over South Carolina. Vandy goes for two in a row against Duke.

The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams are set to tip-off the 1998-99 season this week. Look for a special basketball preview supplement in next week from *The Babbler*.

Kim Chaudoin once again stretched her lead in the Sports Prognosticators contest over Steve Shirley. This week may prove the decisive week as Chaudoin and Shirley differ on five out of the 11 picks. Steve Flatt proved his mettle as he went 8-3 and tied for first last week. Check out all the details on page 14.

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Work begins on Oklahoma City bombing memorial

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. -- Oklahomans gathered Sunday to remember the friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors who died in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing.

At a ceremony attended by Vice President Al Gore and Attorney General Janet Reno, they broke ground for a national memorial of the bombing.

In turning the soil, they took another step toward healing. But they still kept the memories close to them.

One woman took a clump of dirt and grass home to plant in her yard.

Gore, Reno and other government officials spoke to the crowd and the Ambassador Concert Choir sang "Holy Ground" at the ceremony.

"Today, in the dark shadow of memory, we come to seek the light," Gore said.

Gore told the audience that the victims of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building would be remembered.

"I've seen them today in the love that shines through your tears," he said.

Each of the 168 bombing victims will be represented with an empty chair.

Gore asked that the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation provide a piece of the building to go on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

Reno said goodness, courage and selflessness have prevailed.

You have showed (the country) how to deal with remember how people reacted said. real adversity,' she said. "On to a tragedy and remember said behalf of a nation that has those who gave their lives." not seen the likes of your courage and your spirit, I say thank you."

Gov. Frank Keating, U.S. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys and former Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick spoke during the

Tom McDaniel, vice chairman of the memorial foundation and vice chairman of Kerr-McGee Corp., said the memorial is important for Oklahoma City.

The memorial is scheduled to open in

"I think it's important to remember how people reacted to a tragedy and remember

those who "I think it's important to gave their lives,"

> McDaniel the bombing was a personal event for his family.

He and his son, Randy, both worked

in downtown Oklahoma City at the time of the bombing.

Tom McDaniel

vice chairman

memorial foundation

Judy Murdock of Tulsa and her sister, Marilyn Chalk, of Grove, celebrate Chalk's birthday at the ceremony.

Chalk was an employee of Republic Bank in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995.

"It was very special to come back for the ceremony," she said.

Frank Johnson, sergeant major with the U.S. Marine Corps, spent his only day off at the ceremony. Johnson was there to remember the two Marines killed in the

"I thought maybe it was a good place to be today," he said.

Security was a priority at the event. Metal detectors were installed, and snipers were positioned on the roofs of the Regency Towers, the former YMCA building and the former Journal Record building. Secret Services agents, S.W.A.T. teams, Oklahoma City police officers and Oklahoma County sheriff's deputies patrolled the area.

Gore told the crowd that the government would give terrorists the "ultimate penalty for the ultimate crime.

"Mark my words, we will see that justice is done," he said.

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F-16 drops fuel tanks on St. Michael's College property

(U-WIRE) COLCHESTER, Vt. -- An Air Force F-16 dropped two fuel tanks onto St. Michael's property Wednesday when it was forced to return to Johnson Air Force Base after a goose flew into one of its engines

The tanks landed in a marshy area about a mile behind the turn around near the east entrance to campus.

After the bird flew into the engine, standard procedure was for the plane, headed for Ft. Drum, New York, to drop the extra fuel before returning, said Major Lloyd Goodrow, state public affair officer.

The pilot needed to find a safe place to drop the 600 gallons of fuel.

No one was injured, but officials worried about environmental risks.

Goodrow said the fuel the plane was carrying was less volatile than other common types, and provides less of an environmental hazard.

'We take our commitment to the envi-

ronment very seriously," Goodrow said. "If we caused any damage we'd work to repair

National Guard crews also cleaned up the debris from the shattered fuel tanks.

"I guarantee that you won't find scraps and pieces down there," Goodrow said Thursday.

Officials are also working on repairing the jet. The Air Force is "literally tearing the aircraft apart" to surmise the damage to the engine. The aircraft won't fly again until it is certified safe, Goodrow said.

Goodrow said the Air Force has three levels of bird activity that it considers in deciding to fly.

"We'll fly in low and medium activity, but never in high."

Despite the incident, Wednesday was a low activity day.

"We had the bad luck of running into a flock of birds in the flight path," Goodrow

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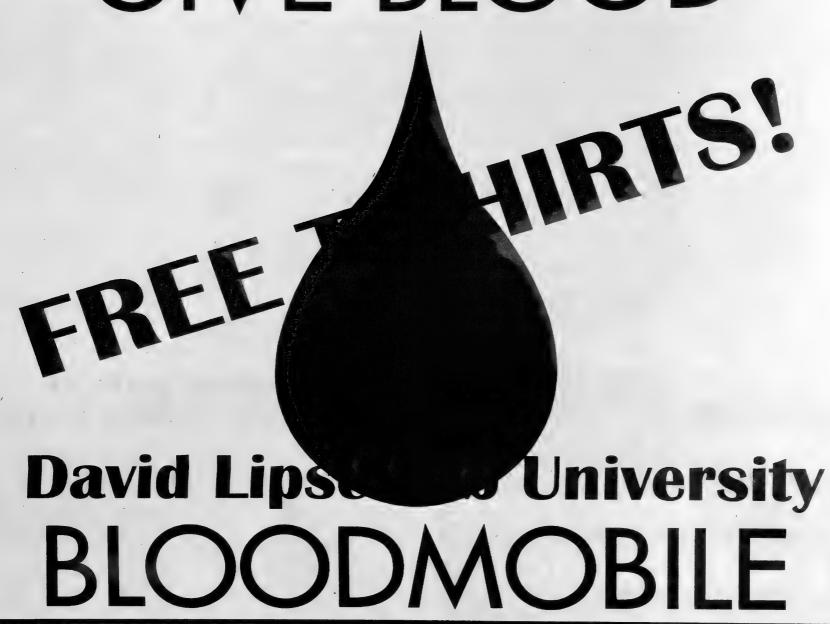
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Construction raises questions about communication

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Zanolini said that he was unable to communicate to the student body to make an announcement about the construction.

"I sent an e-mail message to all Lipscomb employees and to the SGA officers," he said. "I tried to keep Matthew informed because he is the SGA president, but I can not communicate to students through e-mail.

"Clearly the students need to be communicated to," Zanolini said. "They are part of the community."

McInteer said he had worked with Zanolini to provide student input on the relocation of the courts.

"Obviously, those of us on the SGA didn't want to get rid of both courts," McInteer said. "So we looked at some other places. But none of the options worked out."

In reference to the question of how the SGA could have helped to keep students informed about the construction, McInteer said that the SGA tries to work with departments in that regard.

"Sometimes departments are really good about keeping us informed," McInteer. "But sometimes we don't know about it until it happens.

"In this instance, we were not really sure of what the administration wanted us to communicate," McInteer said. "We got Zanolini's e-mail message but didn't know what to communicate to students. The SGA focused more on looking into keeping both courts."

Zanolini pointed to the confusion over who should communicate to students as a problem that needs to be addressed.

"How and when do we communicate to the students about things they need to know about?" Zanolini asked. "If there are students who have complained about not knowing, that is a legitimate complaint. We need to identify how we can include our students in communications in things like this.

"I don't think the university has clearly defined, at least in my mind, who is directly responsible to communicate to students on these types of issues, "he said. "One of the issues may be that Matthew needs to help us define how do we communicate to the students when these types of things are happening.

"That process needs to be honored because I agree that students need to be informed probably before it happens."

McInteer said that the SGA is working



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Construction on the Allen Bell Tower takes place where the sand volleyball courts used to be

on ways it can communicate more efficiently with students.

"Dennis Hood has been working with the SGA to get us the capability to put those pop-up screen announcements to the students," he said. "I would imagine that the best way to coordinate communication is through us or the dean of students." McInteer said that there is much work left to be done in communicating to students.

"It is hard for us to get the word out to students," he said. "I think the idea of getting together with the groups to determine the best way to get the word out to students is a good idea.

Entertainment Committee: providing memorable events

The Entertainment committee wants students to have fun. So, they are planning ahead to make this year as fun as possible.

--"The Entertainment Committee organizes concerts, movies and many other on and off-campus activities to add enjoyment throughout the school year. The entertainment committee strives to make the school year as memorable as possible for all Lipscomb students." -SGA brochure

Fall Fling '98 is just one example of what's ahead. Tonight, the Chuck Jones Aggregate and John Henry will perform from 5-7 p.m. in Bison Square. SGA will provide free food.

"It's kind of a October-Fall-Halloween deal," said Jones.

Aggregate followers will want to take note, as Jones is primed and ready to perform his acclaimed "Atheist Girlfriend."

The Entertainment committee is also in charge of Writer's Night. The venue is for students who want to showcase their talents, whether they are poetic or musical.

Chuck Jones is taking the DLU radio station on his shoulders. He and the rest of the committee met Monday to discuss future plans in regards to the station. They hope that the radio station will be in full force by next semester.

Pete Westerholm, a senior committee member, said he likes working on the Entertainment committee.

"It's very rewarding," Westerholm said. "I'm very glad to be a part of it.

Lipscomb sophomore and committee member Tara Burnett echoed that thought.

"We're doing our best to use our money to entertain the student body," she said.

Other activities sponsored by the committee are Movie Nights and free bowling.

"It's great having people come out," Westerholm said. "It's a lot of fun."

Many of the committee's events are well received because of the support it gets from the students.

"Involvement is the key," said freshman senator Steve Neil.

Jones offered a suggestion to the student body.

"Get out among your fellow student and enjoy each other's company," Jones said. ■

This article is the fifth in a six-part series on the SGA and its committees.

Next week, the series will focus on the the proposal process.

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Dorms host trick-or-treaters

Circle K organizes annual event with Inner City Ministry

BY DEMETRIA LEONARD

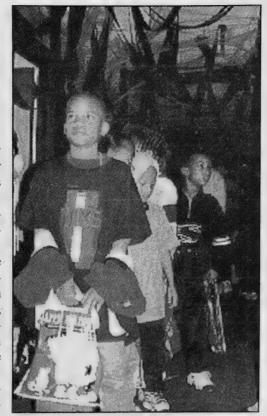
Circle K hosted its annual Inner City Trick or Treat on Monday night. Over 400 children with some of their parents roamed Lipscombs parents.

"It was a night filled with fun, energy, excitement, and smiling faces," Lipscomb junior Tiffany Caliste said.

The children were escorted from the back parking lot by students and volunteers as they bagged lots of candy from the Halloween decorated halls of Elam, Fanning, and Johnson. Dozens of students showed up to lead the children through the dorms. Even Big Dave came to pass out candy.

"I had so much fun tonight," volunteer Maryam Siassi said. "The children's laughter encouraged me to become more involved with Inner City Ministry."

As the evening ended, exhausted volunteers and children with bags full of candy headed back to the bus. The buses drove off as happy children sang their praises to the Lord.



PHOTOS BY ROBIN PYLE

Top: These children check out the decorations in the dorm. Many Lipscomb students decorated living areas and dressed up in anticipation of the trick-or-treaters.

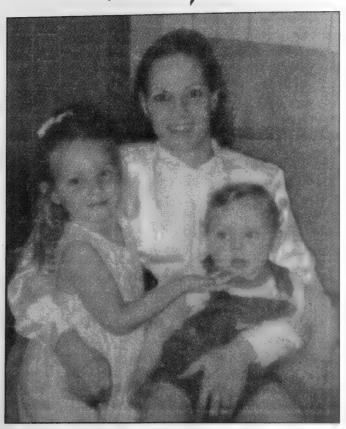
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52 Lipscomb students honored in national publication

The 1999 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 52 students from Lipscomb University who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students* named this year from Lipscomb University are:

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Correction:

Due to printing difficulties, The Babbler was not able to come out as scheduled last week. We believe we have found and corrected the problems. We regret the inconvenience to our readers and look forward to coming out on time next week with our special Bison Basketball Preview Issue.

Also, watch for our special Homecoming Issue coming soon.

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Editorials

We deserve an explanation

The recent start of construction on the Allen Bell Tower and the necessary move of the volleyball courts highlighted a glaring problem that administration needs to address immediately.

The student body as a whole was not informed of the decision to move the courts.

It came as a surprise to most students to see a ring of fencing go up around the courts. As the courts were removed and the digging began on the bell tower site, students were left wondering what was going on.

Prior to this week's *Babbler*, there was no official statement to students about what was happening in regards to the construction.

There were no chapel announcements. No e-mails sent to students. No flyers around campus. No notices to *The Babbler*. Nothing but silence.

And silence is not golden in this scenario. Students deserved to be informed up front.

Ah yes, the students. Remember us, administration? We may not have \$100 million dollars, but we still think we are worthy of a little attention. Your 10 year visions may be filled with dreams of building, but without a focus on us, you may not have any student to fill those buildings.

Clearly, the ball was dropped in informing students of the impact of the tower construction. There is plenty of blame to go around. Let's learn from this mistake.

The administration needs to sit down and develop a plan for letting students know about events that will directly affect them. Formulate a procedure for facilities to inform students of construction. Determine how security should pass along information to students concerning potential dangers. Explore how the SGA can help to disseminate information.

While students ultimately may not have a role in these decision making processes, we still deserve to be informed about these decisions.

Lipscomb should be proud

Recent events involving two Lipscomb students should make the campus proud.

Will Daly and Lindsey Wilson showed true Bison pride by organizing two events to help others.

Daly organized a 24-hour relay run to benefit Youth Encouragement Services. Daly got other members of the cross country teams to give up parts of their Saturday to run in shifts for the full 24 hours. Daly himself stayed out at the track for nearly the entir time taking only a couple of short breaks.

Each of the runners also solicited donations from area churches and Lipscomb students in order to raise the money to meet the goal of \$2,000 for the event.

Wilson is the point person for the Red Cross blood drive going on this week. She organized the Circle K volunteers to staff the drive and served as the liason for the Red Cross in putting up the advertisements for the drive on campus.

More than 250 people signed up in the Student Center for donation times. On Tuesday alone, 67 people showed up to donate blood. The Red Cross was actually caught off guard with the high turnout. They are sending more workers and chairs for today.

Daly and Wilson are examples of how just one individual can help to make a difference for so many others.

Will and Lindsey, way to go. ■

Letters to the Editor Where is the golf coverage?

To whom it may concern in the sports section:

All this year we've had steady and thorough coverage of our cross country and volleyball teams and how well they are doing and how they are improving to become notable teams in our conference. But what about our teams that are playing that are not only competing, but winning tournaments?

Didn't our men's golf team play a few weeks back? Didn't they win? Didn't two members of our team play head to head to finish first and second in the tournament individually? Who is on our golf team? I haven't heard a word about them. What is our women's team doing? I don't think too many people even know we have a women's team this year.

The Babbler is doing a great job this year and I like the new additions of the game picks and the Cheap Seats, but there still needs to be some real coverage of our home teams here. We've got some very talented athletes on a team that is being completely ignored.

David Strunk

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Student Voices

How do you feel about the news that only one volleyball court will be replaced?



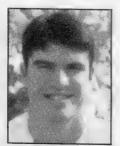
Jeff Johnson

Lipscomb has so little land, we need to use what we have wisely. If a volleyball court must go, it must go!



Emily Olsen

I'm pretty upset. I enjoy watching games out there and I know that they are always being used.



Adam Copeland

I don't think that is fair to all those who enjoy playing and watching volleyball. The administration should try to find space for a second court.



Matt Johnson

I'm furious! Even with two courts, there was always a line. I'll chain myself to the pole and die in protest before they tear those down!

New heroes like Glenn will equal new life at NASA

-- A generation ago, back when space exploration first awed a starry-eyed public, NASA had no trouble finding heroes to represent the agency. Heroes were self-

One of the first was a squeaky-clean, strong-jawed Marine test pilot named John Glenn. In 1962, Glenn became a cultural icon as the first American to orbit the earth. Things aren't so easy for NASA anymore.

While the Hubble Space Telescope has garnered vast mainstream to ask the question meet its approval. media attention with its amazing NASA dreads to hear: Is NASA did not images of deep space, the manned space exploration dead in losing what was program has plodded along almost the hearts of Americans? unnoticeably for

more than a decade after the Challenger disaster. Now the media dares to ask the question NASA dreads to hear: Is space exploration dead in the hearts of Americans?

Enter John Glenn. While NASA begs to differ, Glenn's planned launch this Thursday on board the space shuttle Discovery is the media coup of the decade for the space agency and may represent its greatest public relations success since Neil Armstrong made his one small step in

Mr. Glenn, now the senior senator from Ohio, has appeared on the covers of the country's main pop-news magazines for several weeks now, all decked out in his orange flight suit, helmet in hand, staring off into some unknown distance with the stars and stripes as a background. He's been hailed a hero for simply training for the mission, primarily because he's old. Very old.

Nominally, it's because Sen. Glenn is old that NASA selected him for this mission at all. The agency wants to study the effect of weightlessness on the elderly. More likely, however, it wants to study its own elderly status in the realm of the media.

During his mission, Glenn was supposed to be used in an experiment conducted to examine the effects of melatonin on the human body, especially concerning the aging process. This experiment, however, was scrapped when the Food and Drug Administration ruled that the experiments with melatonin, despite using smaller doses

than over-the-Now the media dares counter pills of the protein, did not

Strangely, make a stink about considered the main reason (at least officially)

that it was launching Glenn in the first place. While the FDA may have had a legitimate beef with the melatonin experiment, being strapped onto a vehicle that's sitting on enough liquid oxygen and nitrogen to level several city blocks isn't the most safe activity in which one can engage

Obviously, NASA has more than science on its mind with this mission.

Glenn makes his flight at a time when the manned missions of NASA have increasingly come under fire. Shuttle missions, in reality, are too short to accomplish any meaningful scientific experimentation. To do that, you need a space station, which NASA has in the works. But in a moment of international goodwill and bureaucratic mindlock, NASA agreed to allow the Russians to play a large role in the construction of the space station, which Congress demanded be international when it saw the original price tag in the 1980s.

Russia, needless to say, is having problems coming through on its part of the bargain. While they hold responsibility for completing much of the living quarters, the Russians are running out of money for the project. Considering that some Russian commanders have been caught feeding their troops dog food because of scarcity of funds, I think it's a safe bet that the Russians won't be springing for a space station module any time soon.

NASA needs money to bail the Russians out. Again, enter Glenn. As the world's first geezernaut, Glenn is a new self-generating hero, snagging headlines and his own CNN special when he lifts off Thursday. And when, hopefully, he returns to earth a star reborn, NASA will have the nation's attention again to proclaim the glory and importance of American space exploration.

While some have criticized the public

geezernaut, Glenn is a

snagging headlines and his

lifts off Thursday.

relations aspect of this mission, NASA should engage in such practices. The program should new self-generating hero, be lauded for finally realizing that people only love scientific own CNN special when he space exploration when it reminds them of the

greater aspirations of humans, and not of some eggheaded research beyond the grasp of their daily lives.

After the novelty of manned missions to the moon wore off and the drama of Apollo 13 subsided, Americans actually got bored of watching manned missions to the moon. By the fourth time around, Americans were tired of watching men in puffy suits collect rocks for geologic analysis. Imagine the public's boredom today, when NASA only manages to launch lab rats and frog eggs.

The Glenn mission is not unique in the history of governmental public relations. Admiral Perry's "opening" of Japan to the West in Tokyo harbor was as much a symbolic mission to demonstrate the greatness

of the Navy's new "Great White Fleet" to the American public, as it was about creating a trading relationship with the Japan-

Glenn himself participated in a staged media event for the Marines when he was a test pilot flying a brand-new FA-8 Corsair across the country to break the intercontinental flying time record. That flight helped make him an astronaut in the first place.

NASA needs to pump the public relations well periodically in order to receive the funds it needs for its genuine scientific research. The American people are put off by academic-styled scientific research, and have been for some time. Scientific progress must be framed within the context

of the everyday or As the world's first the stupendous in order to garner widespread acclaim--take Edison's light bulb, Marconi's wireless radio, and Watson and Crick-'s double helix. The discovery of something important and yet

conceptually difficult as cosmic background radiation was a major non-event in mass media.

What NASA needs, whether it likes it or not, is a John Glenn every now and then to oil its public relations apparatus. America wants heroes from its astronauts, men who bust comets or discover new alien species, not sissy scientists who study microgravity's affect on dandruff.

In order for NASA to get the funds to perform the kind of science that it wants to perform, it needs to bite the bullet and launch more self-generating heroes.

Chris Nehls is a columnist with the Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

Hate crime legislation: why the distinction?

BY JONATHAN LING COLUMNIST

In light of the events of the last few weeks. I would like to address hate crimes. For all of you that don't know



what has happened, here is the quick and

One: An openly gay college student was allegedly targeted for robbery and then murdered by two men in Wyoming.

Two: A doctor who performed abortions was shot by a sniper in his own kitchen and died two hours later.

These deaths have brought about new calls for hate crime legislation.

Hate crime legislation is simple. If you commit a crime against a person because you don't like their race, gender, religion or sex, then the penalty for your crime is

If I hate black people, and I kill a man because he is black, that would carry a harsher punishment than if I had merely killed a white man.

Two problems.

First, murder is murder. Don't even try to get around it. There are already laws on the books to deal with people who murder. If a person is convicted of killing somebody they should all be punished the same

When did a person's beliefs become punishable by law? The next logical step is to charge people with the crime of thinking bigoted thoughts. How does that sound to all you freedom lovers out there?

I am not a bigot, but I am an American, and the right to be an ignorant fool is guaranteed to me. We cannot punish people for there beliefs.

Second, this is a very one-sided issue. Remember the case of the white man attacked by blacks for flying a confederate flag is his truck. Was that not a hate crime?

Here are some statistics that are disturbing to me. Blacks are 12.4% of the population of the U.S. They are also the victims of 59% of hate crimes.

The problem I see is that they are only 4% of the offenders when it comes to hate crimes. These numbers are similar for other minority in America.

Somthing is not right. I firmly believe that if your group is a certain percentage of the population, than that same percentage will be the perpetrators of crimes.

This whole things smells to me of affirmative action, favoritism, or whatever you want to call it. Just don't call it fair. We should be long past the place where we need to give certain peoples a boost. I haven't oppressed anybody. I wasn't around for women's lib. or the civil rights movement. My family never had slaves and neither did anyone alive now. As long as we keep discriminating by race in everything, whether it be crime, jobs or schooling, we will still be fostering the idea of hate.

I know that I have singled out one race, but this applies to everyone. Discrimination has taken on a new identity. It is no longer looking down on someone because of their beliefs, sex, or color. It is uplifting them because of it. No one has the right to black pride, white pride, gay pride, or religious pride. We will never be able to call ourselves equal as long as we are pushing others up.

Rumor creates uneasiness at U. of Indiana dorm

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. --Halloween season seems to bring about the bizarre with tales of the supernatural and disaster.

This year is no exception for the residents of a dorm at the University of Indiana. Some McNutt Quad residents will not be sleeping in their own beds Oct. 31 because of a psychic's supposed prediction of disaster.

Several weeks ago, a rumor began circulating that a psychic appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" predicting a massacre in a Midwestern university's dormitory

One version of the rumor stated the murders would occur in a dorm shaped like a figure-eight located across from a cemetery. Many students feared that McNutt was the dorm and IU the campus where the supposed tragedy would occur.

After many worried students expressed concern, McNutt Student Government decided to investigate the matter.

Sophomore Chris Boudi, McNutt president, said resident assistants attempted to trace the rumor to its source.

"We contacted the 'Oprah Winfrey Show,' and she hasn't had a psychic on in three years," he said.

Boudi said he never took the rumor seriously but wanted to calm the fears of McNutt residents. Student government sent e-mail messages to residents explaining that the rumor of a Halloween massacre is just that -- a rumor started by someone simply trying to create a scare.

"There was some panic last week, but now things are getting back to normal," Boudi said.

Freshman Jennifer Steiman, a governor at McNutt-Dejoya, said most students don't believe the rumor.

"What they're worried about is that when rumors like this go around that some psycho would decide to make it come true," she said.

Steiman said the rumor is a main topic of conversation in the dorm rooms. Numerous students will be staying with their parents in hotel rooms -- just to be on the safe side, she said.

Residence Manager Amy Cornell said the rumor has varied to fit the descriptions

of Briscoe and Foster. She said it is a very old urban legend that has been around for years and that the same thing happened in 1989 when she was a graduate student living in Forest Quad.

"Except that time someone dressed like Little Bo Peep was supposed to commit the murders," she said. "It's the same idea, just different details, and it is completely ridiculous."

Although most say the prediction is false, others do not want to take the risk of being in McNutt on Halloween night to find out.

Dr. Edward Hirt, associate professor of psychology, said there is always a nagging fear of someone lurking in the darkness. It can be seen in the basic plot of every horror movie, such as the recent film "Urban Legends," where all the small town horror stories come true.

"Just entering the possibility that some event could occur can create a sense of panic and fear in people so that they do not really process things carefully and logically," Hirt said.

Hirt said the McNutt rumor reminds him of Orson Wells' radio broadcast "The War of the Worlds" when many listeners panicked, believing Wells' story that the earth was being invaded. The mere suggestion of disaster is enough to make people fearful, Hirt said.

"I think the phenomena of rumor is pretty widespread and people do not often wait to see the validity of the source of the message and act as if it is true," Hirt said. "We just assume that if people tell us something like that, it must be true."

Most students at McNutt appear pretty calm, according to freshman Mandy Howard, who will be sleeping in her room on the night of Oct. 31.

"It just adds a little fun to Halloween," she said. "I want to stay here and see what happens." Howard did say she had some friends who will be sleeping elsewhere.

Cornell said there will be extra security that weekend so students can feel safe staying in their dorm rooms. Cornell said the extra security is not because of the rumor, but because that weekend is also the Ohio State football game, parents weekend and Halloween.

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'Terrorist' pranksters storm Yale U. intelligence class

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN. Conn. — A group of would-be terrorists stormed Luce Hall yesterday morning, kidnapping a student from H. Bradford Westerfield's Intelligence and Covert Operations class.

At the time of the publication, no one claimed responsibility for the attack, but students suspect Yale's Pundits are to blame.

Students and the professor were surprised during the mid-morning class, when the "Mission Impossible" theme blasted from the auditorium speakers. A few moments later, a group entered wearing black with stocking masks covering their faces.

Throwing ropes from the auditorium's elevated entrances, the group descended down the steps, grabbing a student who sat near the aisle.

After putting a plastic bag over her head, two men carried the woman out of the auditorium.

Still somewhat confused, students were amazed by the entire stunt and carefully watched how Westerfield reacted to the group that stormed his lecture.

"I was half-expecting Mr. Westerfield to pull out a silenced Beretta and liquidate the attackers," Jack Hanley said.

But Westerfield took the entire attack light-heartedly, laughing with the students at the event that spiced up the Monday morning lecture.

"Good show by the Pundits," said Westerfield, joining the entire class in a random applause that saw the would-be terrorists out of the auditorium.

As Westerfield tried to continue his lecture on possible reform of the Central Intelligence Agency and the idea of pluralism in intelligent analysis, another masked man ran into the auditorium. He posted a ransom note on the board and ran out of the class.

"If anyone wants to decode the message," Westerfield said trying to keep the class from bursting into laughter, "you can let me know what it says; I will spend no time on it."

The "hostage" was released and Westerfield continued his lecture on more serious issues facing the future of U.S. national security.

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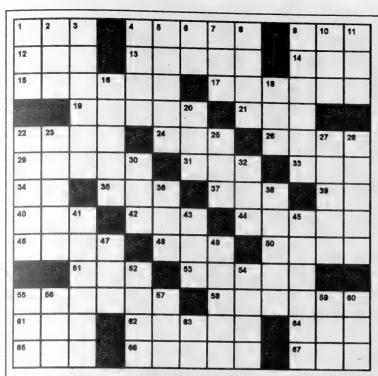
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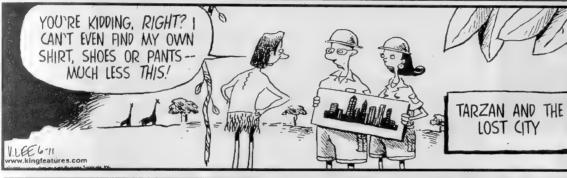
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"Apparently, some kids hooked up your grandmother's pacemaker to The Clapper."

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Unbeknownst to Harry, the stop light had been broken for weeks.

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Coming Events

Circle K is sponsoring a blood drive Oct. 27-29. Sign up for a donation time in the student center.

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Makeup day for BACKLOG portraits of students, faculty, and staff is today in the Student Center. This will be the last opportunity to have your picture made for inclusion in the 1999 BACKLOG.

Preregistration runs from Nov. 2 to Nov. 9. See your advisor for your scan form.

An International Friendship Dinner is set for Nov. 3. The dinner will be in the Student Center and all students are encouraged to attend. The dinner is free.

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Harold Morrison, renowned JFK assassination expert, will conduct an interactive lecture on the assassination. The lecture begins at 9 p.m. Nov. 4 in the faculty/staff dining area.

Lipscomb University Faculty and Friends Series presents Dr. Jerome Reed and 'Concord' Sonata Nov. 9. The performance will be in Ward Lecture Auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Call 2258 for more info.

Lipscomb University Drama department presents *Guys* and *Dolls* Nov.12-14. Admission is free. Shows begin nightly in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium at 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Last week's results Steve Flatt 8-3 Kim Chaudoin

8-3 Matt Baggett 7-4 Sean McAfee 7-4













Steve Shirley 7-4 Jeremy Sowders 4-7	Matt Baggett "The New Guy"	Kim Chaudoin "Token Female"	Scan McAfee "The Mac"	Steve Shirley "The Boss Man"	Mr. Invisible "The Underdog"	Guest Guesser Jordan (Phillip Brooks' son)
Tennessee vs South Carolina	Tennessee Gamecocks return to losing streak.	UT Look for the Travises to shine	UT SC too upset about losing to Vandy	Vols UT needs to win out, BCS will sort self out	Gamecocks TN gets no respect in mediaI'm the media	UT Even a six-year old can pick this one
Duke vs. Vanderbilt	Vandy They have a chance at a winning streak.	Duke Vandy can't do it twice	Vandy I must be losing my mind	Commodores Can Vandy win two in a row? I hope so	Vandy Who's the underdog in this game?	Duke Vandy get 2 wins in a row? No way!
Georgia vs. Florida	Florida Gators chase Bulldogs out of the Swamp.	Gators Florida's defense will bite the Bulldogs	Florida Gators win a close one	Gators Florida gets revenge for last year	Georgia Bulldogs punish Gators	Florida Like choosing between broccoli and spinach
Arkansas vs. Auburn	Arkansas Tigers still in shock over Bowden leaving.	Arkansas Hogs will beat Bowden-less Tigers	Arkansas Joc Paterno couldn't help Auburn	Arkansas Hogs believe they can win.	Tigers Hogs are pretenders	Arkansas But a pig as a mascot?
Missouri vs. Texas Tech	Texas Tech Red Raiders are on a roll.	Missouri Missouri should win casily	Missouri Mizzou riding hot streak	Red Raiders Tough schedule wears on Mizzou	Tigers I still like the feline mascots.	Tech I bet Clay Nicks won't outpick me.
Texas vs. Nebraska	Nebraska Sorry Ricky, this just isn't your day.	Nebraska Huskers continue to be strong	Nebraska Please, Longhorns! Prove me wrong!!	Huskers Williams again looks bad against good team	Longhorns · Repeat upset of 1996	Nebraska I just like saying "Cornhuskers"
Oregon vs. Arizona	Arizona Wildcats turn the Quack into a CROAK.	Oregon Hard to call. Will go down to wire	Oregon Who chose this game anyway?	Wildcats UCLA doesn't know who to cheer for	Wildcats Is this a late game? I'll stay up to watch.	Arizona Quack Attack goes down
West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech	Virgina Tech Zereouepuls up a big zero.	Va. Tech Good matchup. Tech is the better team.	V. Tech Heads-WV; Tails-VT Tails it is!	Hokies Tech clamps down on Famous Amos	Mountaineers Hokies look fishy	Tech Do the Hokie Pokie
Miami vs. Buffalo	Buffalo Bruce Smith destroys tired Miami line.	Miami Could be close, Marino guides Dolphins to win	Miami Miami fans disrupt Flutic's tune	Bills Flutie vs. Miami: gotta love the historical irony	Miami Flutie can't author miracle in this game	Miami I petted a Dolphin at Sca World
San Francisco vs. Green Bay	Green Bay Young can't break his jinx against the Pack.	49ers 49ers are strong	GB San Fran has weak secondary Favre knows it.	Packers Lambeau is the difference	49ers Steve Young gets his groove back against Pack	Green Bay F-A-V-R-E. Does this phonics thing work?
Tennessee vs. Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Sorry. Kordell is final- ly producing.	Steelers TN growing pains. Hard to stop Pitt, at home	Steelers Oilers can't get into rhythm	Steelers Oilers have killed my picks all year	Oilers Where's the home team fan support?!?	Oilers I vote for the "Copperheads"

Yo	our picks
Tennessee vs. South Carolina	Name
Duke vs. Vanderbilt	Phone Number
Georgia vs. Florida	Tie Breaker
Arkansas vs. Auburn	Total Points in Georgia/Florida
Missouri vs. Texas Tech	
Texas vs. Nebraska	Contest Rules 1. All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 4pm
Oregon vs. Arizona	2. Only one entry per contestant per week.3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but
West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech	will only be entered into final drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a
Miami vs. Buffalo	coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and
San Francisco vs. Green Bay	will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.
Tennessee vs. Pittsburgh	Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records Kim Chaudoin 66-21 Steve Shirley 60-27 **Matt Baggett** 57-30 Sean McAfee 56-31 **Jeremy Sowders** 43-44 Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" winners: Because of our untimely release, there was no contest. Try again this week. We know you will be able

to win.

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It's coming...



The basketball preview issue hits the stands next week! Be on the lookout!

The Cheap Seats: We could get used to this

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY COLUMNISTS

Once again, another week in sports has come and gone. Which means, oh yes, time for another. Now that baseball is over, it means that we are growing closer and closer to the start of the college basketball season. With the NBA lockout in full swing, NCAA basketball hopes to have yet another phenomenal season, thank goodness.

No agents, no trading, no loud, synthesized music being screeched over the loudspeakers, no rich VIPs who don't even know who is playing, sitting on the front row, nor any of that other mess that goes along with pro ball.

It's just alumni, student cheering sections on the front rows, pep bands playing fight songs, schools with traditions playing arch rivals, and real basketball players playing for respect, and for the love of the game. That's what it's all about.

However, let's hope that this doesn't last too long. If it does not end soon, it might leave Shaq more time to release another Grammy-winning, chart-topping album featuring the vocal talent of none other that himself. But anyway, here comes

◆Guess what?!? The planets aligned, the solar eclipse occurred, it's the Age of Aquarius, and . . . VANDY WON A GAME!!!! In their hard-fought, worn-out effort against the perennial top 25 South Carolina football team, Vanderbilt drove the ball down the field in the closing minutes and WON!! There's gonna be a rush for those free Vandy tickets in the Dean of Students off, so be sure to get yours today! The winning streak and the run for the national title starts here! (Actually, the winning streak starts next month, when the Vandy basketball season starts.)

got it back! Yes, for some strange reason, Mike Tyson is being allowed to box . . . again! Can anyone else say, "We'll do anything for money?" Even if it means allowing a cuckoo into the ring and having someone else's ear ripped in two. Tyson gnawed on Holyfield's ear in front of millions on national television; what is it going to take to keep him out? Don King shaving all his hair off?

- ◆ Harry Price is the man in Green Oaks, Illinois. Harry, who is 71 years old, won the tricks and jumping titles at the U S Water Skiing Championships. Price has competed in 39 national championships around the world, and he's won 29 of
- ◆Princeton has come through once again. The Tigers won their third NCAA Division I Lacrosse title, making that their fifth in seven years. After losing the title game, Maryland's coach said that he was 'in awe of Princeton, but only a little bit." Oh yeah, we definitely see where he is coming from. Five championships in seven years in nothing compared to Maryland's ZERO titles.
- ◆College football quickies: the Yellow Jackets lost their sting because of the Seminoles; Kentucky couldn't pull off beating a ranked team two weeks in a row because of a bad snap; Tennessee made the Tide roll all the way back to Alabama; South Carolina hit an all-time low; Missouri bush-hogged the Cornhuskers again. but came up short.

Well, that's about it. Remember to please pray that the lockout will end, not because we like to see the NBA, but for the sake of Shaq's vocal cords, and our ears. It's still not too late for the season to start. We here at The Cheap Seats would like to leave you with this, "If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would ever get done." ◆As we're sure many of you know, he Let's hope this last minute is a long one. ■

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Men's Basketball:

Oct. 31 Michigan-Dearborn 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

Nov. 3 @Lambuth 7 p.m.

Volleyball:

Nov. 3 Lee 7 p.m.

Oct. 27 @Cumberland 6 p.m.

Cross-country teams' 24-hour benefit run is a huge success

BY BRAD HAM STAFF WRITER

All day Saturday, it was nothing but running for the cross-country team. The usually do that anyway but this time it was for a special reason.

The team wanted to give back something from the talents God has given them. They organized and conducted a 24-hour benefit run for the Youth Encouragement Services (Y.E.S).

Y.E.S. does many things for the innercity community in Nashville including the Youth Hobby Shop tutoring program. Many of the cross-country team are very familiar with Y.E.S. and wanted to donate their time to help.

On Saturday, the team started at seven o'clock in the morning running 30 minute shifts for 24 continuous hours. The ran around neighborhoods near Lipscomb during the day and when night fell, the runners traversed the cinders of the high school track.

The cross-country team members weren't the only runners out there. Others from Lipscomb showed up too.

"We had outstanding support from faculty and students. A lot of them came out

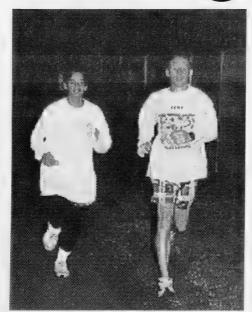


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Sarah Lavender and Will Daly take a moment to smile for the camera.

and ran," said Will Daly. "Two girls who just heard about it in chapel came and ran."

Daly organized a large bit of the run and made it possible. He is a senior running for his second year on the team.

"I was encouraged by the commitment and support of everybody," Daly said.

As of Wednesday, the benefit had raised about \$2,300. There is more money

coming in, however, as many people continue to give and pay off their pledge amounts. The goal for the team was to raise \$2,000.

"The cross-country team would like especially to thank Dr. Lynn Griffith, Marriot, the Pattersons, Coach McAdams, Jonathan Seamon, and many others for their contribution," said Daly on behalf of the team.

The run wasn't all hard work.

"It is the most fun I have had in a long time," said Lady Bison runner Mari-etta Mahaffey

Mahaffey and Amanda Van Vleet sayed up until 4:00 in the morning helping other runners and running themselves.

Natasha Patterson made a baton of toilet paper rolls, a rag and tape. The runners handed it off to each other at the end of the thirty minutes. At night, they attached a glow stick at the bottom so the baton could be seen in the darkness.

In the end, the charity run for the community was a very big success. The cross-country enjoyed it and felt good about doing something beneficial for the community. This Saturday they go back to racing in Sewanee, at the Tennessee/Kentucky small school meet.

The Sports Column Let's Play Ball!!!

No, I'm obviously not talking about baseball. I'm talking about NBA basketball.

I don't know about you but I am really disgusted with the both the NBA Players Association



MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

and the owners right now. The season is in jeopardy of being cancelled because they cannot quit acting like little children and be willing to compromise on one issue.

The Players Association has stated that everything is up for negotiation except for the acceptance of a hard salary cap. Come on guys, let's face it. The other three major sports use a hard salary cap and they are making it just fine. In fact, since the introduction of the hard salary cap, each of the other three sports (football, baseball and hockey) has experienced an increase in the competitiveness and entertainment value of their sport.

Football and baseball are both coming off their best season ever. Hockey is increasingly becoming a more popular spectator sport.

The 1998 New York Yankees come to mind when I think about this. Because of the salary cap, they do not have one real superstar player on their team. They have a collection of veteran ballplayers that know how to play the game of baseball and also realize that professional sports exist for the fans. They play the game because the love the game, not because they want to get paid millions of dollars a year.

Now for the owners. Hey, I realize that most of the money that these players earns comes from you r pocket, but just sit and think about it for a minute. If you allow room to pay more money to players that makes room for the possibility of kaputting together a better team. When you have a better team you get more fans. When you get more fans, you earn more money. So, you see it all works out.

Unfortunately, it really isn't that easy, but the point still is valid.

The solution to the entire problem is for each and every person involved in the negotiations to leave his ego at the door so that nothing will get in the way of them all realizing why professional sports exist.

V-ball team deals with positives, negatives

BY SEAN MCAFEE
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the Lady Bison volleyball team elevated its record to 27-8. following a second-place finish at the tournament at Trevecca. The tournament brought about several positives, and unfortunately a few negatives for the team.

Positively, the Bisons went 3-0 on Friday, grabbing the first seed for competition Saturday and played very well after a disappointing loss to TranSouth foe Martin Methodist. The team had two more wins, both against Midway, on Saturday.

Negatively, the Bisons lost to Trevecca for the second time this season, and even worse, lost senior hitter Ashley Webb to a sprained ankle. Webb is expected to be out two to two and a half weeks.

The Bisons have one more regular season match against Trevecca. Both losses to them have been very close, and senior Joani Wohlfeil thinks the Bisons are just a few adjustments away from beating them.

"The thing that has stopped us the previous times against Trevecca is that we aren't playing good defense, especially in the blocking area," she said. "We need to be ready in the back row to dig it up."

The match against Trevecca starts a crucial three game series with other conference foes being Union and Lee. Together, these three teams hold a 23-7 record in the TranSouth. Finally, after a trip to Cumberland, the Bisons host Freed-Hardeman and Martin Methodist, two more conference opponents.

"These three games will be a good test of how well we can come together as a team and display our talents," said Wohlfeil. "The outcome of the games only matters in our record and conference standings. The TranSouth tournament are the games that really count for good."

With the loss of Webb, a top player in the league, the team will rely on other players to step up and contribute. One of these players will be Freshman Sydney Zawislak, who stepped in for Webb at the Trevecca tournament.

"Sydney did a really good job of stepping in for Ashley and had been playing well the whole tournament," said coach Jeff Spivey

The next home game is tonight at 7 p.m. against Union. ■

Eastern Division	(as of Oct. 27)	
School	Conference Record	Overall Record
Lee	10-0	26-4
Trevecca	7-4	26-8
Martin Methodist	5-4	17-14
Lipscomb	5-5	27-9
Birmingham Southern	1-9	5-27
Western Division		
School	Conference Record	Overall Record
Union	7-3	25-7
Lyon	6-3	14-12
Freed-Hardeman		18-12
Williams		9-18

Turn to pages 8-9 to find the "Best of Lispscomb" ballots. Voting is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and anyone else reading the paper. Fill out the ballots and return them.

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Alumni: welcome back to Lipscomb

More than two dozen events highlight Homecoming weekend

BY LISA PARTIN **NEWS EDITOR**

undreds of alumni will set foot on Lipscomb University this weekend for Homecoming '98.

Today and tomorrow are packed, minute by minute, with class and organization reunions, basketball mania, Homecoming performances, special dedications and honors and the time honored treasure of school wide chapel and devotionals.

Weekend festivities began Thursday night with the opening night production of "Guys and Dolls" in Collins Alumni Auditorium. Performances are scheduled through Saturday night with the curtain rising at eight. Admission is free with general seating.

The Distinguished Alumni Dinner, honoring the Alumnus of the Year, and distinguished alumni from all five Colleges is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday in the Beaman Library. This year's Alumnus of the Year is Bill Ruhl, President of Goodpasture High School. Gary Baker (College of Business), Larry Bumgardner (College of Arts and Humanities), Burton Elrod (College of Mathematics and Sciences), Harvey Floyd (College of Bible and Ministry) and Harry Kellam (College of Education and Professional Studies) are this year's Distinguished Alumni. They will be honored for achievements in their field of study and efforts for change in their communities.

The 1988 graduating class will have a reunion dinner on the porch in the Student Center Friday night at 6:30. The class of '73 will also host a dinner Saturday night. A Homecoming Luncheon and Carnival in Bison square Saturday from eleven to one will also host special reunion parties for all classes ending in "3" or "8."

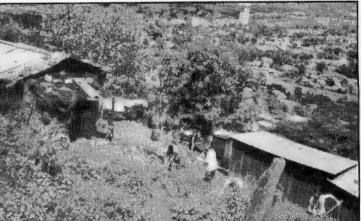
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Lipscomb students help in Central America relief work

BY REGINA HAYES STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb students are doing their part to help hurricane devestated regions of Honduras and Nicaragua.

Students from Dr . Bill Proctor's Television Production Techniques class volunteered at Hands Healing International relief warehouse Monday



Many homes like these in Honduras were washed away in mudslides from Hurricane Mitch.

"Going to Healing Hands was a great experience because we felt like a part of the helping effort for Honduras," said Brittani White, a student in the class. "It felt good to help the people here in Nashville who are helping the people over there."

Hurricane Mitch devestated areas of Honduras and Nicaragua last week. Entire villages were wiped out in the flooding and mudslides and more than 10,000 people died

Some officials have said that the disaster set the region back 50 years.

Relief programs have been set up for those who desire to help. The Nashville base of Healing Hands International is taking donations of goods and money. Those who wish to help can give canned or dry food, clothes, linens, blankets or money to the fund. Individuals can also volunteer their services at Healing Hands headquar-

There has been a tremendous community response to Healing Hands' program for Honduras.

'Our warehouse here is packed," said Gerald Hurst, director of operations for Healing Hands International. "We have to store donations at an additional address."

Clothing donations can be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at The Corrigan Installation, located at 416 Mary Lindsay Polk Dr., suite 505, in Franklin. The garments should be clean, folded, boxed and labeled for men, women, children or infants.

Hurst said that doctors, especially general practitioners and pediatricians, are in great demand. Anyone trained and willing to travel to Honduras to help in the medical field would be appreciated.

Because people in Honduras have been drinking contaminated water, funds are being raised for medicine as well

"We have been asked to send as much antibiotics as we can as soon as possible," said Dr. Randy Steger, associate professor of business administration and chair of the dept. of marketing and president of Healing Hands International.

The organization will send all the food and clothes they receive. But a spokesperson for the organization stressed that they especially need money to send.

Monetary donations can be sent to: Healing Hands International 412 Allied Drive Nashville, TN 37211

The Babbler introduces Best of Lipscomb"

by Steve Shirley editor-in-chief

The Babbler is excited to announce the "Best of Lipscomb" questionaire.

As part of the its coverage of Homecoming events, the paper decided to include a "best of" contest where students, faculty and alumni could vote for their favorite aspects of Lipscomb.

You will find the feature on pages 8 and 9 of this issue of The Babbler.

The rules are simple.

Anyone reading the paper is eligible to fill out a ballot. Simply fill in the blank beside each question and then turn the ballots into The Babbler office in the basement of Johnson or drop them in campus mail to box 4126. You may fill out as many ballots as you would like and you can skip as many questions as you need to. The only request is that all ballots have at least ten blanks filled in.

The Babbler will collect all the ballots and compiled the results. In a later issue, the paper will share the results.

Friendship Dinner applauded

by Steve Shirley editor-in-chief

If numbers tell the story, a lot of new friendships were made last Tues-

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff as well as several people from the neighboring community came out to the Student the celebration of the dif-

ferent cultures represented on the Lipscomb campus.

opportunity to sample the food from other countries and meet new people.

"I think the dinner was a great idea," Kirthi Katkuri said. "I think we should try this stuff more often. It is a great way of bringing people together to experience other cultures."

The dinner was sponsored by the Office of Multi-Cultural affairs. It was an



Center Nov. 3 to join in Students line up for their meal at the Friendship Dinner.

effort to bring students of different backgrounds together and allow them to experience a taste of othere cultures. The dinner Several students said they enjoyed the had food from Russia, India, Brazil, China and several other countries.

Jon Eppley said he thought the night might serve to unite the Lipscomb commu-

"I believe that this dinner is a small but vital stepping stone to uniting this campus and then this community," he said.

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Your World at a Glance

International

The world community is coming to the aid of Central American countries devestated by Hurricane Mitch. Over \$500 million in relief aid has been pledged to the most heavily hit areas. Officials in Honduras and Nicaragua fear more than ten thousand people may have died in flooding and mudslides from the storm. Officials fear that the exact number may never be known due to the widespread destruction. Over 70% of roads and bridges in Honduras have been washed out.

U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq earlier this week in anticipation of U.S. attacks against Saddam Hussein. The U.N. Security Council is scheduled to meet today with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to try to solve the standoff with Iraq. However, a peaceful resolution to the conflict does not look likely.

National

Agents searching for bombing suspect Eric Rudolph are now trying to determine who fired shots into a command post Wedsnesday. The agents, who are hoping the falling leaves will make the search for rudolph easier, are looking at surveilance tapes to try to determine the identity of the shooter

Much of the Midwest is digging out from the season's first snowstorm. A strong low pressure system, registering record low pressures, swept storms from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada.

Republicans took a hit in last week's elections. GOP leaders had predicted gains in the House and Senate but lost seats in the House and remained the same in the Senate.

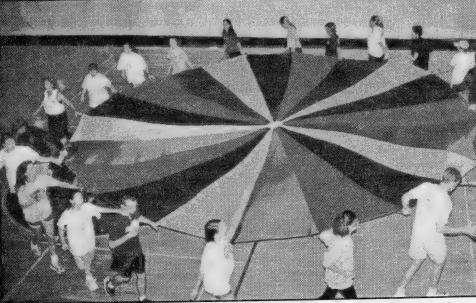


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Patricia Hodgson's Teaching Elementary PE play with a multi-colored parachute.

Local

Three years after the shooting death of Adrian Dickerson, police arrested two men last night and charged them with the murder. Dickerson was shot in the parking lot af the Hickory Hollow Mega-Market in 1995.

The Metro school board set in motion a plan to call in a federal mediator to settle the contract talks with Metro school teachers. Negotiators for the school board and the teachers are at an impasse over teacher salaries. It is hoped that the midiator can bring closer to the talks.

Only about one in four registered Nashville voters took part in Tuesday's elections. The numbers continue a trend of decreasing participation in the election process. Tennessee had the lowest voter turnout in the nation.

Business

There are fears that almost half of all Russian banks are facing collapse over the next few months. The possibility is causing more fears of a global credit-crunch.

The U.S. and Japan are in a standoff over Japans role in economic recovery in the Pacific Rim. The U.S. has urged Japan to take a more active role in stabilizing the Asian financial crisis while Japan has responded that it is facing its worst recession in 50 years.

Area NationsBank branches will begin charging up to \$3 for transactions utilizing tellers. The move is becoming common across the nations as banks seek to move customers towards less expensive electronic transactions.

Sports

There seems to be little progress in NBA lockout negotiations. NBA commissioner David Stern told reporters Thursday that some owners are ready to scrap the season.

The Nashville Predators have clinched at least a .500 record in their six-game road trip out West. The Predators, 6-7-1, beat the Los Angeles Kings last night 3-1. The Predators, winners of five of their last seven games, are in third place in the Central Division three points out of first place. The Predators currently have the longest winning streak in the NHL.

The Tennessee Oilers, coming off a road victory at Tampa Bay, are preparing to face the Pittsburgh Steelers for the second time in a month. The game will face two of the strongest yet most unpredictable teams in the NFL.

It had been 42 years since Tennessee had enjoyed the top spot in the football polls before this week. The Vols, No. 1 in both the media and coaches polls, are also the top ranked team in the BCS standings. Tennessee faces a strong test in the undefeated Arkansas Razorbacks.

Vandy is set to face Tim Couch in what may be his last home game in a Kentucky Wildcat uniform tomorrow.

Kim Chaudoin lost a bit of her lead in the Sports Prognosticators contest over Steve Shirley. Chaudoin went 5-6 while Shirley went 8-3 in the Oct. 29 contest. The guest guesser for the week, 6-year old Jordan, went 7-4 and beat all but three student contestants. (Come on folks, you can do better than that! You can't always have a Dean McDowell to hand you the victory.) Check out all the details on page 14.

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Dinner highlights cultural diversity

(story continued from page 1)

Several students pointed to the fact that Lipscomb has a very low minority enrollment. They said that the Friendship Dinner helps give minority students a voice.

Nick Charaiporta said he thought the dinner might help strengthen the Lipscomb community by bringing together people of different cultures.

because there is not much cullast Tuesday night. tural diversity on campus,"

Charaiporta said. "This really brings people together. It lets people see what other cultures are about and it serves to broaden people's horizons.

Scott Chipman said that he was glad the dinner brought together students of different cultures.

"Lipscomb is probably 90 percent white and we don't get a taste of all the other life out there," Chipman said. "Some



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

"I think it is really good These students enjoy the food at the Friendship Dinner

people come to college to get that. I think it is good that they are offering that."

The dinner was free for all who attended. The food was prepared by students associated with the office of Multi-Culture Affairs.

For anyone interested in more informationa about the office of Multi-Cultural affairs, you can call Bill Davis at 2273 for upcoming events.

Harvard and U. of Chicago profs rank 10 best governments

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. --Coinciding with Tuesday's elections, a group of researchers from Harvard and the University of Chicago recently released a report that seeks to answer what makes a government good.

The report was prepared for the National Bureau of Economic Research by Harvard economics professors Rafael La Porta, Florencio Lopez-De-Silanes and Andrei Shleifer and a professor at the University of Chicago, Robert Vishny. It is based on data compiled from more than 150 countries.

Rafael La Porta is an assistant professor of Economics, and Andrei Shleifer is a professor of economics, both in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Our ultimate goal is to understand how some countries came to have good governments," said Lopez-De-Silanes, assistant professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Government.

The study reports that good governments are usually found in countries that are wealthier, Protestant and ethnically homogeneous.

It defines good governments as those whose people tend to trust their fellow citizens and whose laws are not derived from the religiously inspired French Napoleonic

The report included a ranking of the ten best and the ten worst governments in the world.

The top three countries in terms of "quality of government," according to the report, are New Zealand, Switzerland and Norway. The United States came in seventh.

The worst three countries are Zaire, Sierra Leone and Sudan.

'The ranking itself... aggregates good quality across several measures that we look at," Lopez-De-Silanes said.

The criteria used to determine the rankings fell into four categories: governmental interference with the private sector, efficiency, provision of public goods and political freedom.

Lopez-De-Silanes maintained the study was "fair" to all governments, despite the fact that nine of the top ten countries are located in Europe or North America and seven of the ten worst countries are African nations.

"The final lesson of the research," Lopez-De-Silanes said, "is that economic and cultural factors do not doom a country to have bad government forever."

Other Harvard professors said they were skeptical about the report's complete-

"There is no mention there of international effects," said Associate Professor Edward P. Schwartz, a member of the government department who specializes in political and judicial institutions.

"A country might very well be better off if it has friendly, peaceful relations with its neighbors," Schwartz said. "Or, having relatively few neighbors to contend with might be helpful."

Lopez-De-Silanes said he has heard from many people around the world since the report's release Sunday.

"As for the impact this has had, we have already received calls from many countries--France, Canada, New Zealand, etc.," Lopez-De-Silanes said.

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Lipscomb prof tackles imposing composition

BY STEVE SHIRLEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Few pianists dare to tackle the imposing Concord' Sonata.

But Monday night, Dr. Jerome Reed delighted a crowd in Ward Lecture Auditorium with his performance of Ives' master-piece.

"I chose this piece for myself," Reed said. "It was a personal goal and a personal challenge that I wanted to learn this.

It is the difference between the fine arts and the commercial arts. We just do them to do them, not for the impact it will have on anybody else or the money it will bring.

"It is one of those pieces that I want to keep for a long time and I want to grow with it. This piece is a search for spiritual meaning."

Reed said that Ives was a spiritual man who quoted spiritual hymns in his music. Reed wanted to explore Ives spiritual walk through his music.

"I think I wanted to search for how did



Reed

piece to be a spiritual experience," Reed said.

The Concord Sonata was written between 1909 and 1911. It was never performed until 1939. The first definitive edition was not

published until 1947.

Reed said Ives' Concord Sonata is one of the most respected pieces of music.

"It is considered by most to be a landmark piece in piano literature and American music," Reed said. "In fact, a friend of mine said that when she thinks of the two most quintessential American pieces of music, she thinks of Gershwin's Rhappsody in Blue and Ives' Concord Sonata." Concord Sonata has earned a reputation as one of the most difficult pieces to perform.

Portions of the piece called for Reed to play nine notes at once with only one hand. Another portion of the piece required Reed to use his forearm to span the expanse of notes played.

Reed said it is for these reasons that it is rare for anyone to perform the piece.

"It is probably shied away from because of its massive difficulty and because of its massive length," he said. "It is about 50 minutes in length."

An interesting touch to the evening was the inclusion of a viola and flute to the performance. While the roles were small, Reed wanted to include them in order to complete the performance.

Reed also asked Dr. Dennis Loyd to narrate passages of Ives' essays between each of the sonata's movements. In addition, images connected to the *Concord Sonata* were projected onto a screen during the performance.

Attention

Robert D. Hale has been forced to postpone his lecture as part of the Landiss Series due to health reasons. His Dec. 1 appearance has been cancelled. Please make note of this change on your calanders.

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BY CHERI GREER RAINS STAFF WRITER

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Lipscomb students find ministry opportunities in Croatia

BY KATIE BOYER
VIENNA CORRESPONDENT

VIENNA, AUSTRIA-- Zagreb, Croatia may not be listed in any travel books as a must -ee destination, but six members of the Lipscomb in Vienna group discovered that there is more to traveling than just taking in the view.

Aaron Wyatt, a Lipscomb student working with the Elisabeth Strasse church in Vienna, was invited by members of the church in Zagreb to participate in their monthly poetry reading and music festival.

Wyatt accepted promptly and recruited Samara Peddle, another Vienna student, to play guitar for him at the festival, which serves as a major outreach for the Zagreb church.

Four other students volunteered to accompany Wyatt and Peddle and help meet the needs of the congregation's other outreach, a children's home near the city.

The group stayed in the church and slept in the small auditorium on small air mattresses placed on wooden chairs.

The members of the congregation didn't allow the group to be too uncomfortable, however, because some older ladies from the congregation cooked them three meals a day and made them feel welcome even with out speaking English.

Since the group arrived on a Friday night, their work did not actually begin until Saturday morning.

Goron, a member of the congregation who previously studied in the U.S., did the driving and took the group to the children's home.

Although the main purpose of the visit

was to simply spend time with the children, Wyatt and Peddle performed the songs they had prepared for the festival. The rest of the group participated by leading the children in songs such as "I'm in the Lord's Army" and "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Goron translated the words for the children, who energetically clapped their hands and stomped their feet.

The balance of the time at the children's home was spent talking and playing games with the children. It quickly becomae evident to the students how much meaning can be communicated outside of language.

For the music festival later that evening, the congregation hosted over 200 guests in the auditorium. Some of the guests came in response to flyers handed out by LIV group members.

There were a few language difficulties for the English speakers in understanding the Croatian program, but it was still an enlightening experience.

The only English part of the evening was Wyatt and Peddle's performance, which included songs "Please Take From Me My Life" and "Humble Yourselves." The audience received their performance warmly. Wyatt and Peddle responded in kind, feeding off the audience.

Lydia Cuthrell and Erin Washam, alto members of the group, sang back-up for Rudy Krassnig. Krassnig, an energetic member of the Elisabeth Strasse church, performed familiar English hymns in German with the help of a synthesizer and Lipscomb's supporting vocalists.

The rest of the group got in on the action when all six joined together to sing



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LIV Above: (left to right)Samara Peddle, Katie Boyer, Lydia Cuthrell, Erin Washam, Aaron Wyatt, Charlie Wright, Carson Whitehead and Travis Myers (front) pose in the church builging in Zagreb.

Right: Wyatt and Peddle perform during the Zagreb church's monthly poetry reading and music festival.

the a cappella version of "We Shall Assemble."

Both the festival and the visit to the children's home were considered successes. The Lipscomb students enjoyed the chance to meet the entire Zagreb congregation at their Sunday worship service before returning to Vienna later that afternoon.



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Poll finds students choose finding success over mates

MONTVALE, N.J. /PRNewswire/ -- Bad news for romantics but goodnews for corporations: Asked what their most compelling long-term need in life is, almost four times more students polled by KPMG's innovative recruiting Web site www.kpmgcampus.com chose achieving outstanding success in their chosen field over finding a mate.

In fact, "finding a mate" also trailed "achieving financial security" and "finding job fulfillment."

"These results show that students are becoming more career oriented," said Bernie Milano, Partner in Charge of University Relations, Diversity and Alumni Programs at KPMG. "They want to use their skills and knowledge to achieve success in today's workforce."

This question was the fifth in a series the accounting, tax and consulting firm is asking in a weekly online poll for students to tally their views on emerging issues affecting their lives. In response to the question "What's your most compelling long-term need in life?"

- -- 35% of students feel that achieving outstanding success in their chosen field is most compelling.
- -- 24% of students feel that balancing work and "time off" is most compelling.
- -- 21% of students feel that finding job fulfillment is most compelling.
- -- 12% of students feel that achieving financial security is most compelling.
- -- 8% of students feel that finding a mate is the most compelling long-term need.

Students can vote by dialing into www.kpmgcampus.com and responding to the question of the week by selecting the choice that best corresponds with their opinion.

List of activities await alumni

(story continued from page 1)

No one wants to miss the Lady Bisons game against Transylvania Friday at 7:30 p.m. Also a highlight will be the 3-on-3 intramural championship during halftime of the game.

The SGA has planned a special concert featuring Jo Dee Messina in the Student Activities Center immediately following the game. Student tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. All other tickets are \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Alumni are welcomed to return to their respective department of study Saturday morning from nine to ten for college coffees and open houses.

A Homecoming Chapel featuring Willard Collins, President Flatt, Philip Hutcheson and Buddy Arnold will unite the colleges at ten. Alumnus of the Year, Bill Ruhl will be recognized, along with Fessor Boyce recipients Ralph and Betty Nance.

A special dedication of the Robert E. Hooper Conference Room in the Department of History and Political Science will be from 11:00-11:15 in honor of the more than 40 years service by Dr. Hooper.

Presentation of this year's Homecoming Queen, Laura Beth Thomas, and her

court will be at 1:30 in McQuiddy Gym.

The Bisons take on Brescia University at 2:30 following the Homecoming Pageant. During halftime, President Flatt, Philip Hutcheson, and a surprise guest player will take part in the 3-on-3 championship game against the student champions from Friday night.

Many social clubs and organizations will have reunions throughout the weekend. Sigma Iota Delta celebrates its 30 year reunion Friday at 7 p.m. at Brentwood Hills Church of Christ. Contact Mark Jent for further information.

Kappa Chi is hosting an Alumni Tea in the Faculty Staff dining room Saturday morning from nine to eleven. Gamma Lambda's Tea is scheduled for 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the Student Center porch.

Members of Pi Sigma are invited to its club reunion in suite 107 at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Saturday from ten to one.

Pi Delta's 30 year reunion will be at the Dowtown Crown Plaza Saturday night at 7:30. Cost is thirty-five dollars a person. Contact Carrie Turner for more information.

Lipscomb's drama group, "In His Name" will have its ten year reunion.

As alumni return to campus, they have a number of options to choose from.

Drama department presents Homecoming musical

BY CHERI GREER RAINS

As Homecoming week activities are coming to a close, the best is still yet to

The Homeocoming play is generally one of the most anticipated events of the entire week. This year's performance should be no exception.

The 1998 Homecoming producition is of the musical "Guys and Dolls." The musical features talented students such as Bart LeFan as Sky Masterson, Leah Manley as Sarah Brown, Andrew Talbert as Nathan Detroit and Kari Himelrick as Adelaide.

With over forty cast members, the musical promises to be one of the largest production ever performed by the drama department.

Adam Copeland, a member of the men's chorus said he looks forward to the curtain going up on the show.

"We've worked really hard and are looking forward to the final productions when our hard work is finally recognized," he said.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Kari Himelrick and Andrew Talbert sing together during "Guys and Dolls."

The show begins at 8:00 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. The shows are in Collins Alumni Auditorium.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday:

6 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Dinner

6:30 p.m. Class of '88 Reunion Dinner

7:30 p.m. Lady Bisons vs. Transylvania

8:00 p.m. "Guys and Dolls"

Saturday:

8 a.m. 5K Homecoming Run

9-10 a.m. College Coffees and open houses

9-10 a.m. Golden Circle Reunion

10 a.m. Homecoming Chapel

10:30 a.m. Choral Performance

11-11:15 a.m. Dedication of Robert E. Hooper

Conference Room

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Carnival in Bison Square

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Homecoming Luncheon

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Elam Hall open house

1:30 p.m. Homecoming Pageant

2:30 p.m. Bisons vs. Brescia University

4:30 p.m. Choral Reunion

6 p.m. Hall of Fame Dinner

6:30 p.m. Class of '73 Reunion Dinner

8 p.m. "Guys and Dolls"

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Jo Dee Messina to kick off Homecoming events tonight

BY STEPHEN STURGEON STAFF WRITER

Jo Dee Messina well be bringing her music to the Lipscomb campus for the Homecoming concert.

Messina, 1998 CMA Horizon Award nominee is scheduled to perform tonight in the SAC at 9 p.m.

Michael Thomas, chairman of the student life committee is excited about having Messina on campus.

"She's an up and coming artist, someone who is truly exciting in concert, who can put on a good concert, and can give us a fun time for our homecoming concert," Thomas said.

"We wanted to play not only to the country crowd, but also to the pop crowd," Thomas said. "I think she does that in some of her songs."

With two number one songs, "I'm Alright" and "Bye, Bye," plus other hit songs such as "Heads Carolina, Tails California," Messina has become popular with the crowds.

After one day of selling tickets on Wednesday, the SGA had already sold

close to 400 tickets. SGA president Matthew McInteer hopes for a sell out.

"We'll only be able to sell 1,200 or so [tickets], "McInteer said. "I'm really excited. I think we'll sell the show out before we get to the door."

McInteer also expressed his thanks to the people who made this show possible.

"The senators, especially the student life committee [members], that have been in charge of the concert have done a great job," he said.

Thomas also wanted to express his thanks.

"I'm very appreciative of my committee, and also to other people not on the SGA that really helped me out a lot," Thomas said. "Mark Gent helped me out a lot in booking her."

The performance will be in the SAC this Friday at 9:00 and is expected to run about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Tickets will be on sale this week in the student center for \$3.00 per student and \$9.00 for non-students.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$5.00 per student and \$12.00 for non-students. ■



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SGA organizes Spirit Week

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb students are raiding their closets to find the right outfits for Spirit Week.

Students are dressing up for each theme day of Spirit Week. The event is the SGA's attempt to have students show more school pride.

"It shows who's really school spirited," said student Kim Collins.

The week has included '50's day with ice-cream floats, Hillbilly day with

doughnuts after devo, Pajama Day with a bonfire devo, Hippie day with hypnotist Jim Wand at Marriott, and Purple and Gold day with a catered tailgate party.

The student behind Spirit Week is SGA senator Michael Thomas, who heads the Homecoming committee.

"The participation was great for today, since some students just found out about it Friday," Thomas said Monday. "Freshman class participation was well represented. I wish some of that would leak into the upperclassmen as well."

Thomas singled out another group that he wanted to recognize.

"I'd like to thank the cheerleaders for their participation," he said. "They looked great in their '50's attire."

PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

The week has included Ryan McGill (left) and Andy Broadway show off their hippie style.

Freshman senator Lori Longhurst said that she has enjoyed working on Spirit Week planning.

"Spirit week has been a great success and tons of fun," she said. "Thanks to everybody who is participating and I hope students will have a great week."

Freshman senator Addison James said he hopes students enjoy the week's events as much as he will.

"We appreciate all the students that got involved and hopefully everybody had a fun time." James said.

James also said he hopes that Spirit Week will continue in the future.

"I would like to see it be a continued thing," he said. "I'd like Homecoming to be a spirit thing here at Lipscomb."



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Editorials

U.S. should do more to help victims

Tipper Gore just pledged another \$10 million dollars in relief aid to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and Nicaragua. This pledge comes almost a week after President Clinton and Congress finally approved another \$70 million.

It took them long enough.

We just spent \$500 million to send John Glenn into space again on what amounted to a glorified joy ride. Two candidates alone combined to spend more than \$35 million in the New York Senate race. And Americans spend over \$16 million a day on car repairs.

But for some reason, it took our country almost a week to offer \$70 million in aid after first only offering \$3.5 million to victims of one of the worst natural disasters in recent world history.

Now \$85 million dollars is a lot of money. But in comparison to the total wealth of this country, \$85 million is but a drop in the bucket.

The areas hit by Hurricane Mitch need our help. The storm has been labeled Central America's disaster of the century. By some accounts, Hurricane Mitch set the region back 50 years.

More than 10,000 people have been confirmed dead while as many as 15,000 are still unaccounted for. By some estimates, more than 70 percent of roads and bridges in Honduras have been washed out. Crops in the region have been destroyed. Livestock drowned in the floods. Entire villages have been wiped out. Disease and epidemics are threatening to sweep through

Other countries are showing the U.S.

Mexico, a Central America power but by no means close to as powerful as America, sent 12 military aircraft and 29 helicopters to the region to aid in the search

By contrast, the U.S. originally planned to send only three transport planes and 19 helicopters to the region. Luckily, someone finally realized that we could spare a few more aircraft to help in the search-and-res-

European countries quickly pledged \$8 million in humanitarian aid to the devastated countries. The World Bank just announced that it is releasing \$201 million in immediate aid. France went on to forgive debts owed by Honduras and Nicaragua. Those debts equal \$100 mil-

The U.S. had to scrape to put together its first \$3.5 million package. Then it took a full week to reach into our pockets to find another \$70 million. Now it seems that we can only afford another \$10 million.

Something is wrong when the Mexican president has to call our president to urge a "massive multinational relief effort to avoid the greatest human and social tragedy in Central American history."

Our president should be the one calling other leaders gathering support. The U.S. should set the standard for relief aid and then challenge other countries to ante up as

We are the most powerful nation in the world. Our economy is larger and stronger than any other in the world. We can afford to help others in desperate need. As the world leader

Lipscomb should make its own efforts to help. Volunteer to help load relief supplies at Healing Hands International. Raise money from family and friends to help purchase desperately needed medical supplies. Pray for those in the region affected by the storm and for those helping in the relief efforts.

Many students and faculty on this campus have been to the affected regions.

It is time this nation and this campus stepped to the forefront of the efforts to provide relief to the devastated regions. We need to lead the charge. Our country should have offered an adequate relief package from the beginning.

It is the least we can do.

Letters to the Editor

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the region.

how things should be done.

and to help ferry food and supplies.

cue and relief efforts.

Wasted opportunities

Tuesday was election day.

That probably comes as a surprise to some students.

Just looking at the Student Voices section of the paper revealssome surprising results on how many students actually voted. Out of eight students polled, only two students had taken the time to vote.

Unfortunately, Lipscomb's 25 percent voter turnout is almost on par with the national turnout at the polls.

Students gave several reasons they were not able to make it to the polls.

Some of the excuses were outright frightening. What is so funny about not

voting?

Our country is built upon the principle of a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." When we neglect our responsibility as voters, we turn our backs on that foundation.

Maybe one day, when the majority of Americans ignore their right to elect their representative leaders, this country will fall into the control of a select few who desire to run the country with a repressive rule. It will be a dark day in American history.

We should hope that that day never comes. Do you part next time to prevent that day and vote.

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Student Voices

Did you vote on election day?



Jackson Ware No. I am not a citizen of this planet.



Laurie Garrison

No. I am not a resident of Tennessee and I forgot to fill out an absentee ballot.



Bubba Frame No. I am too lazy.



Andrew Dabbs

Yes. People get elected one vote at a time.

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Associated Collegiate Press

Why didn't students vote in the elections?

BY DEMETRIA LEONARD SPECIAL COLUMNIST

Voting is a method by which Americans can participate in this nation's democratic government by choosing a candidate that they feel would best represent them and their views on certain issues.

Not many students were aware that Nov. 3 was a general election day. And many of those who knew about the elections chose not to participate.

When *The Babbler* asked students why they had not exercised their right to vote, the reasons ranged from not knowing any-

thing about the elections or the candidates to not caring about the political process all together.

Who should be blamed for this lack of participation?

Unfortunately, I was one of the several students that did not vote. Thousands of people shed their blood so that we may have a say in how we are governed. I am ashamed to say that I did not take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

The blame could be placed on just about anything, but it all comes back to our own lack of desire to become involved. If a person really and truly wanted to exercise their right to vote, they would not just wait around for the information to fall in their laps. He or she would be eager to seek that information out by reading their newspaper, watching the news or asking questions about how and where he or she needed to go to register to vote.

Since some of the students said that they did not care about what was going on in the political world, I pose this question to you: How are we as Christians supposed to have our voice heard if we do not elect individuals to represent us?

Voting is one way that Christians can let their light shine. ■

From the editor's desk: excuses, excuses...

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

What a semester it has been so far.

In my first column, I told you I wanted "to present a paper that is professional in quality and

presentation." I think we are hitting the mark on the quality goal.

Unfortunately, I forgot to set one other goal though. I forgot about the consistency goal. You know the one: print the same day and the same time each week.

I believe the paper has made its appearance on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Not a real consistent release

Now some times, it wasn't our fault that things were going wrong.

About two months ago, our computer was infected with a rather malicious virus. That was a fun week as text within the paper would disappear before our eyes.

And most everyone remembers the fun the campus had with Eeyore last month. While our computers are not directly tied into Eeyore, it seemed like every time he hiccuped, our computer would freeze for a while. We didn't lose anything, but it made layout rather frustrating.

Two weeks ago, *The Babbler* began experimenting with printing to film to improve our reproduction quality. Well, you can't imagine the fun we had with all of that. Talk about headaches. I almost rejoice that we are almost out of film this week

And now we come to the largest issue of the year and the most important deadline. And what happens? Well, you don't really want to know...

Doubling the average size of the paper seems to have quadrupled the quantity of work to be done. And that work must be done on time or the paper doesn't come out on time. Unfortunately, more times than not, the work wasn't done one time.

So I want to set another goal. *The Babbler* will improve its consistency while still building it quality.

Having said all of that though, I really believe this paper has taken on a new life this year and I am extremely proud of the dedication and hard work the staff and writers have poured into their work. The entire staff has helped to improve the quality of this year's paper. It hasn't been easy growing like we have and this paper wouldn't have a chance of continuing without the help of all those involved with its production. I hope you notice the difference and let the staff know.

For those of you who have commented on the paper this semester, thank you. A well timed comment does wonders for a staff member wondering if their story came across well. And don't we all liked being praised for our work?

Well, if you are still reading this column at this point, you must be a real fan. I apologize for rambling all over the place. It has obviously been an "interesting" past couple of weeks and I am beginning to get a bit light-headed from it all. Anyway...

By the time you get this paper, Home-coming festivities will be well underway. I hope all of you take the opportunity to visit with current and past students. Take in a couple of ball games. See the play. Attend a reunion or two. Enjoy the whole experience. You can bet we will be out there getting the stories for next week's *Babbler*.

So, look for us. "Same Babbler time. Same Babbler place." ■

Talking racism and basketball in one column

BY JONATHAN LING COLUMNIST

Please fill in the blank: I am a(n) _______American. a. African; b. Asian; c. N a t i v e; d.Appalachian.



Don't laugh. My sister was filling out a survey last week and in the race slot there was a category for "Appalachian."

Isn't that wonderful? My father is a full-blooded Appalachian, as he was born in the mountains of Virginia, so I am exactly one-half an ethnic minority.

Do I qualify for anything now? Do I get a job? How about more scholarship money? Can we get Lipscomb declared a Historically Appalachian University? We make distinctions in everything else, why not this?

That's the problem. Why all these dis-

tinctions? Why all this racism? As I said in my last article, racism has a new face. It is making distinctions like Historically Black, and Asian American.

This is the U.S. of A. and if you were born here, you are an American, nothing more. We are not ????????- Americans. The only time you need a prefix is if you move here from another country. If you don't want to be known as just an American, apply for citizenship somewhere else. That way you can be both.

Along the same lines, do you think that there is any "institutional racism" on campus? I don't mean things like flying a rebel flag, but outright treading upon the rights of minorities. I won't go into things like flags here, but I will challenge some other views. If you are on school property, and out in public, look around.

Do you see many minorities? In my classes, all combined, I only interact with 8 minority students. Is that the fact that there are so few minorities in my classes a

sign that Lipscomb is racist institution? I don't think so.

Are there fewer minorities here because the institution doesn't let them in? Or are they not here because the didn't want to come to a mostly white school?

You can't ignore that fact. If there was such a label, this would be called a Historically White University. Just because a lot of white people go here, are we racist? I don't believe so. There may be individual racism on campus but this is not a racist institution.

Finally, a personal call.

If you don't attend Bison and Lady Bison home games, you are missing out on a wonderful thing. Where else can you see someone like my roommate make this wolfman-like transformation from mildmannered Political Science major to raving lunatic with just the application on some face paint? Give our teams someone to win for.

I'll be there every chance I get. ■

The Spiritual Column

The new definition of good character

BY JOHN MOSQUEDA

Somewhere in the 1960s -- when social revolution struck the cultural landscape with hurricane-like intensity -- a new definition of the word "character" began to emerge.

Before that turbulent decade, it was generally understood that a person's character was inseparable from his or her actions. If someone's life was characterized by noble deeds, he was considered "good." If his behavior was soiled by a pattern of illicit actions, he was viewed as "bad."

Americans were trained to think this way from childhood. The most popular English textbooks of the 19th Century, a series of eclectic readers by William McGuffey, contained lessons such as: "Good boys do not play in a rude way, but they take care not to hurt anyone. You must not lie. Bad boys lie, and swear, and steal."

This dichotomy was helpful, even beautiful, because it gave depth and perspective to the all-important subject of morality. Like the musical score in a film, like shadows on an oil painting, the ability to appreciate good people and disdain bad people became one of those necessary touches that made daily existence a little more comprehensible. It certainly made life more manageable.

But the push for personal freedom -freedom from traditional moral values -changed all of that. In the 60s revolution,
new products took the marketplace of
ideas by storm: products such as sex without marriage, pleasure without responsibility and education without ethics -- all of
which won big. As a result, our nation took
a quantum step backward.

Today, character is not longer defined by what a person does. Instead, it is based on his apparent "intentions." If his words, attitudes, facial gestures and body language generate the impression that he is sincere, compassionate, and means well, he is considered to be a good person -regardless of his actions.

In this kind of world, the question about character is not, Does the fabric of your life demonstrate an ongoing pattern of dishonesty and decency?

Rather, the question becomes, Can you evoke in people the feeling that you really "care" about them -- apart from the catalog of your deeds?

To Americans of an earlier time, roguish men and women who tried to sell themselves to others were viewed as charlatans unworthy of trust.

"Do not be deceived, bad company corrupts good morals." Those are the words of St. Paul, from his first Corinthian letter. Without this wisdom, we are easy prey for those who are skilled at masking their selfishness with charm and persuasive emotion.

(Mosqueda is a columnist for The Amy Foundation.)

Stanford study links media, alcohol use among teens

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. -- Television may be introducing more than just violence into teenagers' lives.

A team of Stanford researchers has shown that teenagers who watch more television and music videos are more likely to drink alcohol.

Released Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics, this study was the first of its kind published in the United States

By demonstrating a key link between media portrayals of alcohol and alcohol use among teens, the report may intensify the current debate over the media's effects on teen behavior.

Data was collected over 18 months between 1994 and 1996. The federally funded study followed the drinking habits of high school freshmen and measured their exposure to four types of media: television, music videos, videotaped programs and video games.

The study found that for every additional hour of television that a teenager watches per day, he or she is 9 percent more likely to begin drinking alcohol. Every additional hour of music videos watched resulted in a 31 percent increase in risk

On the other hand, additional exposure to videotapes correlated with a 11 percent decrease in risk per hour watched, while exposure to computer games had no effect.

According to Thomas Robinson, assistant professor of pediatrics at the Stanford Medical School and co-author of the study, the study was unique because it presented the first evidence for a cause-and-effect relationship between media and teenage drinking - a relationship that has been long suspected but never proved.

Researchers first began measuring the levels of drinking and media exposure among high school freshmen in October 1994. Researchers then returned 18 months later to chart any changes.

By measuring levels of teen drinking at two different points in time, the study tried to establish what Robinson termed a "temporal sequence" of events.

This is analogous to the proverbial riddle of determining which came first, the chicken or the egg. By determining the order in which they occurred, one could look for a possible cause-effect relationship between the chicken and the egg.

Likewise, the study attempted to deter-

mine whether high media exposure preceded the onset of teen drinking or vice versa, and whether a cause-and-effect relationship between media and drinking existed.

In addition, researchers found that while media exposure is linked to teens beginning to drink, there is not necessarily a link between media exposure and continued drinking.

These data agree with behavioral theories that predict that teens with no prior drinking experience would be more influenced by media portrayals of alcohol than teens who had already begun to drink.

Robinson cautioned that the evidence is not conclusive proof that the media encourages teenage drinking.

"Without conducting an experiment, we can never prove it in humans," he said.

Helen Chen, another co-author of the study, added that the data only supports "a significant association between television and music video viewing with the onset of drinking.

"It's just one factor [influencing teen drinking], and it's by no means the only factor," Chen said.

Chen noted that the next step would be to set up a study to how the media affects underage drinking - whether it is the alcohol portrayal itself or media exposure in general that leads to teen drinking.

The results of this study are likely to intensify the current debate over how to curtail teen alcohol use in the United States, which many consider to be a serious public health issue.

According to data cited in the study, 25 percent of eighth-grade students report drinking alcohol in the past month, as well as 39 percent of 10th-graders and 51 percent of 12th-graders.

Robinson argues for action to reduce the impact of the media on teens.

"It disappoints me that the hard liquor industry is starting to advertise," he said in reference to the industry's recent repeal of its voluntary ban on television advertising. He called it "a step in the wrong direction."

Robinson, a former Stanford undergraduate and medical school graduate, led the study team, which also consisted of Chen, now with the Stanford Learning Lab, and Joel

Killen, associate research professor at the Stanford Medical School and the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention.

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Rival universities engage in war of words over theft of mascot

BY STEVE SHIRLEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stanford Tree Chris Henderson has responded to the theft of his costume by challenging the robbers to escalate their efforts and kidnap him.

In a statement released Saturday, Henderson mocked the so-called Phoenix Five, who claim to be a group of UC-Berkeley students holding the costume, for issuing a statement purportedly signed by the Tree.

"It has come to my attention that perhaps our friends at Cal have a limited understanding of the organic world," Henderson said in his statement. "It seems that they mistakenly believe they have stolen a living thing. This is not the case. The Tree costume is an inanimate object. It does not move; it does not think; it does not write letters, especially letters which deprecate Stanford."

The costume was stolen from the Band Shak music library on Oct. 17. The Phoenix Five issued their statement Monday to *The Daily Californian*, Cal's student newspaper, accompanied by a photograph of the Tree costume blindfolded.

"I am sick of the Farm," the captors' letter attributed to the costume. "The Phoenix Five have introduced me to the outside world where people are different and actually like their school."

The group claimed they were compelled to steal the Tree because "diversity, spirit and work ethic make Cal a superior university and Stanford an inferior one."

Henderson's tongue-in-cheek reply egged on his "rather slow friends."

"Stop talking to a pile of fabric and show a little backbone. Currently, there is some debate over whether stealing the costume is a misdemeanor or a felony. I assure you that kidnapping the real Tree is a federal offense. This is called Big Game for a reason. Get big. Get me."

UC-Berkeley Chancellor Robert

Berdahl prohibited Oski the Bear, Berkeley's mascot, from appearing in Saturday's football game because the Tree was not returned to Stanford officials by last Wednesday's midnight deadline.

Instead of returning the tree by the deadline however, the Phoenix Five summoned local media to an empty parking lot Wednesday night, where they paraded the costume in front of KTVU television cameras and a *Daily Californian* reporter.

Two members of the group appeared on camera, one dressed as the Grim Reaper and another wearing the tree costume.

They said they summoned the local media for the sole purpose of assuring the public that the tree was still intact. They have no intention of harming the mascot, they said, and they still intend to return the tree before the Nov. 21 Big Game between Stanford and Cal.

The Phoenix Five claim theirs was a "crime of opportunity" and that they found the tree "unattended in a locked cage."

"Sure it was a crime of opportunity," Henderson said. "It's like when I was five, and I climbed onto the table, pulled myself up onto a shelf, zip-lined across the room over a pit of gila monsters, and, seeing that the cookie jar happened to be there, took one as a dessert of opportunity."

The theft involved an elaborate breakin to the Band Shak, according to Stanford Police, Band, and University officials.

Student opinion on the theft ranged from anger to amusement.

"It's a tragedy," said Stanford freshman Megan Green.

"I think it's kind of funny," said Stanford junior Sarika Singh. "It's pretty cool that Cal and Stanford are still taking the rivalry seriously."

UC Berkeley junior Katrine Wilson said she thinks the theft of the mascot is not a big deal, but rather, a funny antic.

"I think it is important for college kids to have mischievous adventures, because

you can't do stuff like this when you are old," Wilson said. "Nobody got hurt and it's all in good fun."

"I think this is great. It's sweet because that tree always looks liked somebody's grandmother made it with macrame sticks," said Brett Gamboa, a reader for a UC Berkeley English class. "I hope they don't return it by the Big Game, because it would be better to string up the tree in a noose on the sidelines."

The theft of the mascot marks the beginning of a string of activities displaying the anticipation of the Big Game in late November. Weeks before the Big Game, students initiate activities such as rallies and the hanging up of signs and posters in support the Cal football team.

Two years ago, following the Cal football team's 42-21 loss to Stanford, riotous spectators stormed onto the Memorial Stadium field and attacked the Stanford tree mascot.

Fans ripped off parts of the costume and left the stadium with remains of the tree as mementos. The melee resulted in the arrest of a Cal fan, who was taken into custody for battery on the tree.

Since there has been no indication of an imminent return of the costume, Stanford police said they are taking the incident very seriously.

"There is nothing about this that is a joke," Stanford police Capt. Raoul Neimeyer said. "If you do the crime, you do the time."

According to Neimeyer, the thieves entered the Shak by breaking a window. They also broke down a door and punched through a sheet rock wall to reach the mascot, Neimeyer said.

Neimeyer added that, pending the return of the costume, police may be willing to negotiate a deal that would result in a drop in charges against the offenders.

Facts and quotations from U-Wire stories were used for this report.

Stanford alum offers \$5K reward for stolen mascot

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. -- Oski may not be confronting the Tree in this year's Big Game, but if Tim Harrington has his way, the rival mascots will race zambonis down the streets of San Francisco Nov. 11.

Harrington, a Stanford Business School graduate and CEO of SportSite.com, proposed a Big Game Zamboni race between Oski and the Tree to reduce tensions between UC-Berkeley and Stanford stemming from the theft of the Tree costume. Harrington's company also offered a \$5,000 reward for the safe return of the Tree.

"In the interest of good sportsmanship - and the welfare of trees everywhere - we want to help free the Tree," Harrington said.

The reward would not benefit the Tree's captors, the self-proclaimed "Phoenix Five." Upon return of the Tree, the \$5,000 reward would be paid to The Guardsmen's annual Christmas Tree Drive, which raises funds to send disadvantaged Bay Area children to summer camp.

"We live sports and love competition," Harrington said, "and we support the Big Game rivalry as much as anyone, but this has gone too far."

Harrington said that he hopes the reward will help end the annual rivalry between the two schools.

"We want this reward offer to bring an end to the conflict and to facilitate the release of the tree," he said. "We are hoping that this will help bury the ax once and for all."

Stanford Tree Chris Henderson is excited about the prospect of a zamboni challenge.

"I am definitely up for it," Henderson said. "I have always dreamt of driving a zamboni down the streets of San Francisco. I am willing to take on Oski in any arena."

Weird Science: Headless Roaches

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. -- Chickens can run around for minutes after being beheaded, but that's nothing compared to a cockroach.

Scientists believe cockroaches have been around almost 280 million years. What's helped them survive is their remarkable anatomy.

Cockroaches can live a month without food and a week without water, and it's actually possible for one to live a week after having its head broken off. According to Wendell's Yucky Bugworld, an on-line guide for the roach-curious, the cockroach's brain is not located in its head. Instead, the head only contains a small nervous system. Most of the brain is found throughout the body, with a little in each pair of legs.

If the head is broken off, the cockroach can survive for a week and only die because it can't drink water without a mouth.

Page 10/13 update!!!

The Babbler hopes to devote page 10/13 to offbeat or unusual subjects. If you know of a story that would be good for this page, let us know at ext. 1829 or box 4126.

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Coming Events

Lipscomb University Drama department presents Guys and Dolls Nov. 12-14. Admission is free. Shows begin nightly in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium at 8 p.m.

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The Homecoming Pageant is scheduled for Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Laura Beth Thomas will be crowned Homecoming Queen.

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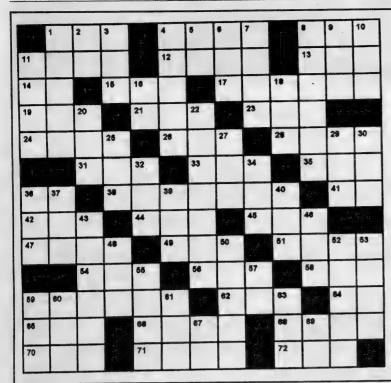
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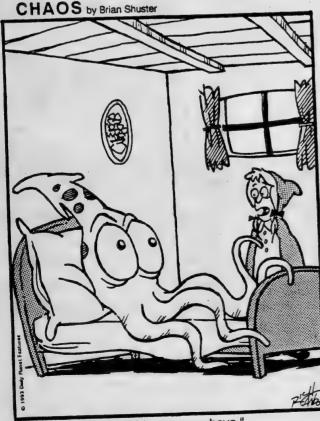
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"My, what big eyes you have."

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"I see a cat. A big cat. Wait . . . maybe it's not a cat after all."

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Oct. 29's results

Matt Baggett Steve Shirley Jordan Sean McAfee

"Underdog" 5-6 Kim Chaudoin 5-6



Matt Baggett



Kim Chaudoin





Steve Shirley





Guest Guesser Philip Hutcheson

	"The New Guy"	"Token Female"	"The Mac"	"The Boss Man"		
Tennesse vs Arkansas	Tennessee Vols have sights set on Fiesta Bowl.	TN Peerless leads charge. Ham for dinner!!	Tennessee Championship is in sight	Vols Country ham for Sunday breakfast!!	Arkansas No comment	UT Neyland Stadium host "Nutt-Cracker Sooieett
Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky	Kentucky Five hundred yards for Couch is a possiblity.	KY Wildcat offense too strong for Dores	Kentucky This game could get ugly	Wildcats Vandy couldn't stop Couch if he threw left handed	Vandy It's time for basketball season in the Bluegrass	UK Jesse''The Guv''Ventur couldn't pull this upse
Alabama vs. Miss. State	Alabama I hate it but I have to pick the Tide,	Bama Strong enough to pull out another close win	Bama Tide good enough to take this one	Tide What am I saying?!? Roll Tide!!!	Tide Two teams heading opposite directions	Alabama "Zow"ie! Tide finall found a QB
Georgia vs. Auburn	Georgia Carter gets lots of yards running and passing.	Georgia Dogs will come into Auburn strong	Georgia Georgia D stops Auburn O	Dawgs Georgia 'D will outscore Auburn 'O	Auburn QC doesn't do squat against real D's	UGA Third Eye Blind hit replaces Auburn Anthe
Virginia Tech vs. Syracuse	Syracuse Orangemen help out the Big Orange in BCS.	Virginia Tech Go Hokies	Syracuse McNabb makes one last push for Heisman	Orangemen Come on McNabb. Win one for the Vol's SOS.	Virginia Tech 7-1 Hokies underdogs to 5-3 Orangemen?!?	VT Do the "Hokie"-Poke in Carrier Dome
Nebraska vs. Kansas State	Nebraska K. State loses against first tough team.	Nebraska The Huskers wreak havoc in Manhattan	Nebraska Good bye K-State	Wildcats Kansas State FINALLY plays a real team.	Nebraska Even Vandy hasn't lost to a team 29 yrs in row	Nebraska You're not playing Kansas anymore, To
Wisconsin vs. Michigan	Michigan Wolverines devour the Badgers.	Wolverines Michigan will be strong at home	Wisconsin Wisconsin gives Michigan dose of reality	Wolverines Peyton still got robbed last year.	Badgers Badgers / Wolverines Battle of the animals	Michigan Wolverines muzzle (great Dayne
UCLA vs. Washington	UCLA Cade McNown still has a chance at the Heisman.	UCLA Bruins ripe for upset, but got to go with them	UCLA Bruins squeak out another one	Bruins My tribute to the biggest BCS pretenders.	Washington Bruins crash and burn in BCS rankings	UCLA Almost counts in ha grenades and horsesh
San Francisco vs.Atlanta	San Francisco Young recovers well from Packers beating.	Atlanta Falcons play well at home	SF Niners reveal Falcons' weak spots	49ers I can never choose the Falcons.	Atlanta Football does not belong in domes	SF Barry Bonds homer top of 9th is differen
Seattle vs. Oakland	Seattle Close game. Seahawks take road win.	Oakland Another strong home team	Oakland Tough gamego w/ . home team	Seattle I just want to pick Junior Say-Ow!	Raiders Just win baby!	Oakland Game "Who cares written all over it
Pittsburgh vs. Tennessee	Tennessee Oilers are on a roll,	Can they beat them twice? I hope so.	Steelers Steelers win in a street fight	Steelers If I'm right, McDowell may hug me to death	Steelers How are the Oilers favored???	Pittsburgh Dudley field goalpo live to see another of

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Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky	Phone Number
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San Francisco vs. Atlanta	coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza
Seattle vs. Oakland	and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.
Pittsburgh vs. Tennessee	Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

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Matt Baggett 65-33
Sean McAfee 63-35
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Oct.29 edition's "I Beat The
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rectly guessed 45 points for the Florida/Georgia game.

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Jack Frost	22	Pervirus Dos	26
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The Cheap Seats: A hopeless attempt at humor

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY

Is anyone else out there having a bad week? You know, does anyone out there have six tests this week. Or, who out there is sick? We've noticed that lately. About half of the campus has either a runny nose or a stomach virus.

It has also been cloudy and rainy, which kind of dampers every one's mood. We're not sure about everything else, but we're positive that the majority would agree with us. However, even thogh the week may not be going so great, there's always sports to keep us going. Don't you hate those nights you have been studying for about two hours? What is it that always makes you feel better? You guessed it. Definitely not this stupid introduction, but sports. We're done writing, so here comes the stuff.

◆Three guesses who #1 is and we'll go ahead and tell you it's not Prarie View A&M or Vanderbilt. Think you know? That's right. The Tennessee Volunteers moved up into the #1 spot this weekend after Ohio State's embarrasing loss to Michigan State.

While we are on the topic of who is number one, we would like to state our concern with the way they determine those rankings. Is it really safe to leave the national rankings in the hands of pure mathematics? For instance, Kansas State has blown out all of it opponents this year. On the other hand, they have played a total of zero good teams and they have only the 68th toughest schedule in the NCAA. Is ti really fair for them to be ranked so high? Just wait until this weekend when the Cornhuskers wipe the floor with Kansas State. It's gonna happen, just wait.

- ◆In hockey, the Rangers won 10-2 over Tampa, which was the most points scored by them since '92, and Nashville is still hanging in there with a decent record for a first year team. We don't know too much about hockey, so we'll just leave it at that
- ◆The NFL proved to be as good as ever with many surprises this week. The Oilers won this weekend, to everyone's surprise, in a somewhat close game with the Bucs. The Packers got packed on Monday night by a rejuvenated Kordell Stewart. And, perhaps the oddest of all, the Atlanta Falcons have the third best record in the NFL!

- ♦Now let's turn our attention to basketball. Particularly Vanderbilt basketball. Every single season preview we have seen has them picked dead last in the SEC. This is ridiculous. With only one senior, Vandy is full of young talent. We hope that everyone remembers that they had a 20-win season last year. With the loss of Drew Maddux, many people think this year going to reek. Yeah Right!! Now that Vandy finally lost him, they can get something going. They're gonna be good this year, just wait.
- ◆Lyman Sheats acquired 476,388,740 points to win the finals at the National Pinball Expo '98 Championships. The tournament started out with 750,000 people, but in the end it came down to one. Way to go Lyman!!!!!!!!!
- ◆Tyson Thompson of Hurst, Texas, rushed for 526 yeards on 33 carries last Friday. He scored seven touchdown and his shortest run was a mere 47 yards. Even though he did all of that, he still did not break the Texas state record of 599 yards in one game. What's his deal? Can't he even break 600 yads? The Thompson guy doesn't sound very good to us.
- ◆This week in race walking, Caitlin Bonney of New Sharon, Maine, won the national one-hour junior championship. She had the fastest 1,600 meter walk in the State this year. Way to go, Caitlin. We hope all you race walking dreams come true. Have you ever considered picking up the pace a little and tried running?
- ◆ A Beanie Baby distributor from Michigan wants to buy the McGwire 70th homerun ball and extract one million fibers from it. Then, he wants to take those fibers and put them in one million McGwire Beanie Babies.

How much would people actually pay for these things? Beanie Babies are out the window like a gallon of milk from the 8th floor of High Rise.

◆College football quickies: watch the UT-Arkansas game; watch the Michigan-Wisconsin game; and most definitely watch the Nebraska-Kansās State game, that is if you want to call that a game.

Well that's about all we have for you is this dreary week. We hope that this has somehow made yor week a little less boring. Maybe next week will be more exciting, if not, there will always be sports to keep us going. So, remember, until next time, take care of yourselves, and each other.

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Bisons win 96-62

BY MATT BAGGET

Freshman Adam Sonn lead the Bisons in scoring and rebounding in defeating the Crusaders of Tennessee Temple 96 to 62.

The Bisons hit 37-of-70 field goal attempts for 53%, including 8-of-15 three-point shots for 53%. At the free throw line they hit 14-of-20 for 70%. The Bisons out-rebounded the Crusaders 55-to-28.

Sonn, a standout from Donelson Christain Academy and Tennessee's 1998 Class A Mr. Basketball, was 8-of-12 from the field and 9-of-10 from the free throw line for 25 points. Sonn also recorded eight rebounds and three assists.

This game, however, was not completely the Adam Sonn show. Clancy Hall had 14 points and eight rebounds. Antrone Rogers and Allen Sharpe scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Chris Childress had seven rebounds.

Lipscomb head coach Don Meyer was pleased with the Bisons' performance in this game.

"I thought defensively we did a good job in both halves," Meyer said. "Our rebounding and shot pressure was pretty

This victory was number 769 for Coach Meyer.

Meyer was encouraged by Sonn's performance.

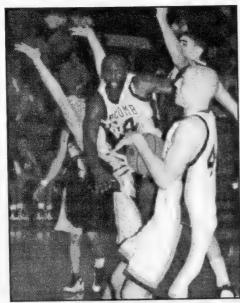


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Jomo Dopwell (34) dishes to Adam Sonn.

"Adam's going to draw a lot of fouls. He's difficult to guard because he's got some unorthodox moves. He shot very well at the free throw line. Defensively he did some good things," Meyer said.

"We're still very young," said Meyer.
"Hopefully we'll be able to build on this
win."

The Bisons' next action is Saturday, November 14 at 2:30 p.m. as they host Brescia College KY as part of Homecoming festivities.



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Guest Column

How to be a true "Bison Fan"

Throughout the years, Lipscomb has been known for many great things.

One of those has always been having one of the most successful, and well respected, basketball programs in the



PATRICK CAMERON
GUEST COLUMNIST

nation. There are any number of reasons for the success that Lipscomb has enjoyed, beginning with the legendary coaching ability of Don Meyer, some tremendous athletes (and individuals), but for me, one thing has always stood out. The fans.

When I first came to Lipscomb I considered myself a huge sports fan, but I was soon to learn that I was only a novice fan.

The first Bison game that I attended was in early 1990. The Lipscomb guys were hosting number two-ranked Minnesota-Duluth.

I arrived at least thirty minutes before tip-off, only to find McQuiddy three-quarters of the way full. Some of the upper-classmen told me to rest while I could before game time. At the time, I did not understand what they meant.

I was soon to learn.

As the teams lined up on the court for tip-off, the whole student section rose in unison.

I at first thought that the fans stood for tip-off as a show of support. Good idea. I could handle that. The tip-off completed, I started to sit down. No one else sat down.

Okay, I thought, maybe they stand until the Bisons score their first basket. That's pretty good I said.

We scored, and the fans stayed on their feet. Finally, I asked one of the upperclassmen that I had gone with to the game. He explained the Lipscomb fans stood the entire game. It was tradition. I could sit down at half-time. For the rest of the time, I had a job to do. The fans cheered, and the cheered loudly. That was their purpose.

I left that game still considering what had transpired. The Bisons had lost a close game, and all of the fans came out dejected. There was no spirited banter now.

Some of the fans were taking it as hard as the players. It was unbelievable. The fans loved the team, their school, and being fans.

Over the course of the season, I would come to share their passion.

Soon I was at all the Bison and Lady Bison games. In the Lady Bison games, if you were not there before half-time, you were not going to sit in the student section. The games were always packed. Soon we were making all the road trips. I was yelling at the top of my lungs about blown calls, blind referees, and great plays. I found myself wearing a basketball on my head and arguing with officials and opposing fans. Banners became a favorite project of mine.

The strange thing was, that was all a normal part of being a fan here at Lipscomb (okay, other than the basketball on the head thing).

We felt not only a sense of pride, but responsibility. The players, both men and women, gave everything they had each time they went on the court. Fans felt an obligation to show appreciation for a job well done.

That is what being a fan is all about. The Lady Bisons and Bisons go out every game, and win or lose, give it their best. We, as fans, should go out every game, and win or lose, show our support the best we can.

That support can come in many different ways: standing, putting up banners and signs, joining in some of the cheers the cheerleaders or pep band begin, coming to the games a little earlier, paying attention to the game rather than who you are with, or anything else creative and clean you can come up with to do. Bottom line, a true fan gives as much, if not more, than he or she gets.

McQuiddy was once a feared place for opponents to enter. Players knew that not only did they have compete with the Lady Bisons or Bisons, but they also had to face one of the loudest and most enthusiastic crowds to be found anywhere.

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Cross Country teams send eight to national meet Scott named freshman of the year Women qualify four

BY CHARA PATTERSON STAFF WRITER

The cross-country team travelled to Batesville, Ark. last Saturday for their national qualifier conference meet.

Tension was high for all runners. Only the runners on the winning team and the top five individual runners not on the winning team national meet in Wis- the beginning of the race.

Lipscomb's top seven runners participated in the conference meet. They were Brittainey Burton, Sarah Lavender, Marietta Mahaffey, Natalie Montgomery, Caroline Nelson, Natasha Patterson and Amanda Van Vleet.

The race started off with a lot of intensity with most runners pushing like they have never pushed before. The LadyBisons stayed strong throughout the race and received second place. They also had four women to qualify for the NAIA national meet: Brittainy Burton, Sarah Lavender, Mari-etta Mahaffey and Caroline Nelson.

"The girls team has steadily improved the entire year. We are glad to see [some of them] go to Wisconsin," said assistant coach Clay Nicks. "It was great to qualify four runners in the women's race, three for the first time."

Burton also received an All-TranSouth conference placing by finishing seventh, with a time of 21:16.

"Brittainy ran a great race and got a well-deserved All-Conference placing," assistant coach Willie Steele said. "Making All-Conference her first year gives here something to shoot for."

Sophomore Caroline Nelson finished in eighth place, which sent her to nationals for the second straight year. Mari-etta Mahaffey placed tenth.



advance to the NAIA Mari-etta Mahaffey and Sarah Lavender run with the pack at

"Mari-etta qualifying is the culmination of two years of dedicated work," Griffith said. "[Nelson and Mahaffey] showed that they are capable of running with the top runners in this conference."

Sarah Lavender finished eleventh in the conference. However, a runner from another school who finished in the top ten dropped out, thereby bumping Lavender into the nationals.

Berry College went home with first

"Berry does not look as dominant as they did two years ago," said Griffith. "Does that mean they are worse? No, we are definitely better. For example, Natalie Montgomery ran a time on Saturday that last year would have qualified for the national meet."

Amanda Van Vleet, Natalie Montgomery, and Natasha Patterson all came within a minute and ten seconds or less of qualifying for the NAIA National meet.

The team's total time was 110:57, almost a three minute improvement from the prior best of the year.

On November 21, Burton, Lavender, Mahaffey and Nelson will Compete in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

BY MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

A wet day awaited the Lipscomb crosscountry team on Saturday. The TranSouth Conference cross-country meet was held on the campus of Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas. The wet grass was soft for the five teams that would run this

The top seven Bison runners competed in this meet. The runners were David Scott, Dan Turner, Jeff Swindell, Tim Lavender, Sean Boynes, Matt Steidl and Dennis Marquardt.

The Bisons ran an excellent race. They came within one position of sending five runners to the NAIA national meet. Freshman David Scott led the way for the Bisons with a time of 28:15. Scott's time was good enough for a ninth place finish in the race. Dan Turner was right behind Scott with a time of 28:18. Next in line were Jeff Swindell, Tim Lavender, Sean Boynes, Matt Steidl and Dennis Marquardt. All of the Bison runners finshed within 1:43 of each other.

The Bisons had four runners to qualify for the national meet: Scott, Turner, Swindell and Lavender.

Assistant coach Clay Nicks was

encouraged by the Bisons' performance.

"It was good to watch Jeff and Tim finish their career with qualifying for the national meet," he said. "The two freshmen, David and Dan, ran very strong and have a lot to look forward to in the coming years. The men's team ran stronger than they have in recent years and they had a conference meet."

One of the highlights for the Bisons on this day was David Scott being named the TranSouth Conference's Freshman of the

Coach Lynn Griffith praised both Scott and freshman Dan Turner for their perfor-

"What about our own verson of the Reebok Dan and Dave show?" asked Griffith. "David Scott and Dan Turner are going to be great collegiate runners. David was the TranSouth Freshman of the Year and Dan was only three seconds behind him. They are truly a foundation to build a program around."

Even though he did not make the national meet, senior Dennis Marquardt gave it strong effort. Assistant coach Willie Steele praised Marquardt for his efforts during his cross-country career.

"Dennis has been a great leader and we all would've liked to see him make it," Steele said. "This race shouldn't take away anything that he's accomplished in four years."

The national meet will serve as a fitting culmination to the endof the Bisons great season.

The Bison runners will compete at the NAIA National Cross Country Meet in Kenosha, Wisconsin on November 21.



solid performance at the The Bisons start the race that would send four of them to the NAIA national meet.

Volleyball team disappointed after senior night loss

Team looks to rebound at conference tourney

BY SEAN MCAFEE STAFF WRITER

Tuesday Night, Senior Night, the Lady Bisons volleyball team played a thriller against Martin Methodist in a preview of the first round of the TranSouth Conference tournament. The Bisons lost in five games to Martin Methodist, after fighting back from a two game deficit. The teams have one win against each other this season, and their final meeting begins Thursday in round one of the tournament.

The higlight of the evening was the recognition of the three lady bison seniors:

Annette Painter, Julie Wilkins and Ashley Webb. These three ladies have been starters on the volleyball team this year and have been major contributors to the success

This season, the team has compiled a record of 30-12, the most wins ever for Lipscomb's volleyball team. At 6-8 in the conference, however, the Bisons know they have their work cut out for them if they are to advance into the later rounds of the tournament this year.

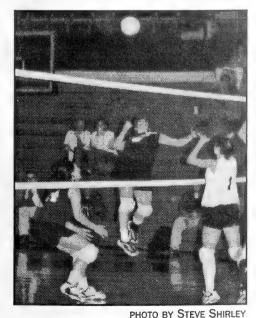
"We need to keep focused and stay positive," said freshman Sydney Zawislak. 'Against Methodist, we need to read number 13 better. She goes hard across the majority of the time, and if we can read her early, we can be successful blocking against her. We also need to continue to

serve well and pass better than we have

Zawislak has really stepped up her game since key injuries to senior Ashley Webb and junior Joani Wohlfeil left the team without two regular starters. Now, with their return, the Bisons depth will be a little stronger and will give them a few more options.

"This week we won't have much practice time," said Zawislak, "but it doesn't come down to the last week of practice. It is what you have been building on the whole season that matters."

With thirty wins under their belts, the Bisons hope to add a few more to that number. Of course, a conference championship would be nice too.



Annette Painter goes up for the spike as Julie Wilkins watches on.

NEWS

Did you see President Flatt matched up against Mark Cabaniss in the 3-on-3 tournament final? Turn to page 12 for full coverage of the game. And check out the pictures that accompany the story.

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Thomas crowned queen

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Lipscomb University honored Laura Beth Thomas as Homecoming queen 1998 in a special ceremony Saturday.

Thomas, a senior, was chosen queen by the student body earlier this fall.

Thomas was crowned queen by President Steve Flatt. He gave congratulated her on her award and praised her dedication to Lipscomb.

"Laura Beth is oustanding example of Christian leadership on this campus," Flatt told the crowd. "She truly has the spirit of Christ in her heart."

Following Flatt's comments, SGA president Matthew McInteer presented Thomas with a gift on behalf of the student body

"Laura Beth is one of the kindest people I know," McInteer said. "She truly deserves this award."

Jammie Turner then presented Thomas with a gift on behalf of the men's baskethall team



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY
President Steve Flatt crowns Laura Beth

Thomas Homecoming queen for 1998.

William F. Ruhl: 'Alumnus of Year'

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In a special ceremony Saturday, William F. Ruhl was honored as Lipscomb's "Alumnus of the Year."

President Steve Flatt presented Ruhl, president of Goodpasture Christian School, the award during the special Homecoming chapel Saturday.

"I have the utmost respect and admiration for Bill Ruhl," Flatt said. "He has forged the model for building an outstand-

ing Christian primary and secondary school. Thousands of lives have been influenced to grow spiritually and scholastically through his leadership.

"Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill Ruhl is a great preacher, leader, husband and father. Lipscomb is honored to claim him as an alumnus and to present



PHOTO BY G. DAVID ENGLAND

President Flatt presents Bill Ruhl with the award as "Alumnus of the Year."

him this award," Flatt said.

Ruhl, who graduated from Lipscomb in 1959, said his years at Lipscomb were among the best in his life.

"My four years on this campus were among the happiest, best years of my life. Friends were made during those years that have lasted the rest of my life," he said. ■

Lipscomb student finds mission opportunities in Vienna

BY KATIE BOYER
VIENNA CORRESPONDENT

VIENNA, Austria -- Aaron Wyatt is using his time in Vienna to not only study with the Lipscomb in Vienna program but also to spread the Gospel of Christ.

Some might argue that Wyatt is wasting an opportunity to enjoy sightseeing in Europe. Wyatt, however, said he enjoys working in ministry.

"I think a lot of people see their walk with God as a series of Satan nipping at their heels," Wyatt said. "But I honestly believe that when Jesus said, 'I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly,' that he meant it."

A Lipscomb sophomore from Newburgh, Ind., Wyatt's interest in Europe goes back to 1994, when he was an exchange student in Asnabrueck, Germany. He found a best friend in a member of the family he stayed with, and Wyatt was able to help his host brother learn English even as he became fluent in German. Every summer since that experience, Wyatt has traveled with his friend, alternating trips through Europe and the United States.

Although he had toured extensively through in Germany and the rest of Europe, Wyatt had never been to Austria before he arrived a few days before the rest of the



PHOTO BY KATIE BOYER

Aaron Wyatt (center) plays a board game with children from the Zagreb children's home.

LIV group.

"Every missionary has a different theory [about effective evangelism]," said 19 year-old Wyatt. "In Europe, developing a relationship works the best because people don't see you as a fake."

Wyatt, who wasted no time developing relationships with fellow Christians at Elisabeth Strasse, recalls that an experience as a camp counselor was his first call to mission work.

"This is not to my glory, but to God's,

that my first year as a counselor there were three baptisms from my cabin. I really feel that there are people that need Jesus and that we do have something to share."

He also recalls being very upset by the fact that one of his closest friends was not a Christian, and out of those feelings he developed an attitude of outreach. Because of his experiences traveling in Europe and his comfort with the German language, Wyatt began to look for mission work in a European field.

"I knew what Europe was like," Wyatt said. "[I know] that the church is not large and I know that people need Jesus."

As a high school senior, Wyatt first considered working with the Adventures in Missions (AIM) program in Lubbock, Texas. He decided, however, that he wanted a broader opportunity to use his language skills than the AIM program offered, so he declined and entered Lipscomb.

Wyatt did not stop searching for a way to serve, though, and Dr. Charles McVey of the foreign language department put him in touch with an American missionary in Vienna. Scott Hayes, an Oklahoma native who has worked in Vienna since 1981, welcomed the opportunity to work with Wyatt and wasted no time putting him to work when he came to Vienna after traveling in Europe during the summer.

Since the middle of August, Wyatt has worked with Hayes and the Elisabeth Strasse church. His responsibilities have included coordinating two joint worships of the church with groups from Lipscomb, Oklahoma Christian University, the neighboring congregation of Graz and any of the other Austrian congregations. Wyatt also leads singing occasionally and hopes to deliver sermons in German on the holiness of God during the second joint worship, which is planned for Nov. 22.

Your World at a Glance

International

U.N. weapons inspectors are back on the job in Iraq. Possible U.S. military strikes against Iraq were averted when Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced that his country would allow the weapons inspections to resume. U.N. inspectors had evacuated Iraq last week in anticipation of bombing strikes against Iraq.

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Protests in Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country, continued this week. Student activists forced their way into the Parliament building and protested against the military and its killing of more than 1,200 demonstrators in May. Those demonstrations forced the ouster of long-time leader President Suharto. The Indonesian Parliament is promises political reforms.

National

The House GOP is elected their new leadership team Wednesday. At press time, the results were not in.

The Linda Tripp/ Monica Lewinsky tapes are now public domain. The House Judiciary Committee released the tapes on Tuesday. Public opinion, however, seems to be against the release of the tapes. Most polls show that the American public wants the scandal wrapped up quickly.

The House Judiciary Committee may elect to expand its impeachment probe against President Clinton. The committee may choose to question several other witnesses including White House aide Bruce Lindsey, lobbyist Vernon Jordan and presidential secretary Betty Currie. White House counsel will have 30 minutes to cross examine Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr. The hearings begin today.

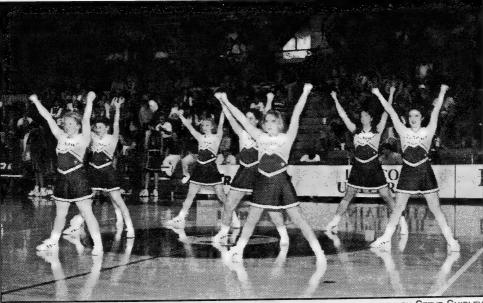


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLE

The Lipscomb University cheerleaders fire up the crowd during the Homecoming

Local

Officials with Warren County High School said the school will remain closed until the source of noxious fumes affecting the school is discovered. About 30 students and teachers were overcome by the fumes Tuesday after more than 90 were overcome last Thursday.

Six police officers and eight horses completed a six month training program Tuesday to become Metro's first mounted patrol. The mounted patrol will be used in the downtown area and in emergency situations like last April's tornadoes.

A new report only confirms what you already knew. Nashville traffic is horrible. According to a report by Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute, Nashville ranks 12 in the nation in average annual hours delayed at 58 hours a year.

Business

The housing market in Nashville took a hit last quarter, one of only seven cities nationwide where existing home sales declined. Experts attribute the decline to the boom in new home construction.

The Federal Reserve chose to cut short term interest rates by a quarter percentage rate Tuesday. Most banks around the country began lowering their lending rates shortly thereafter. The cut will affect interest rates on credit card, car loans and home mortgages. Experts predict that this will be the last cut in rates for the year. The Fed has cut rates three times in the last seven weeks

Negotiations have resumed between Federal Express and its pilots union. The pilots are threatening to strike over contract disputes.

Sports

Bud Adams finally decided on a new name for the Oilers. Nashville's NFL team will be known as the Tennessee Titans. The Oilers host the N.Y. Jets Sunday.

The Predators fell to 6-9-1 with a 2-1 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks Tuesday night. The Predators continued to look for their first conference win when they hosted first place St. Louis last night.

Tom Glavine became the sixth Atlanta Braves pitcher in eight years to win the N.L. Cy Young Award. Roger Clemens won a record fifth A.L. Cy Young Award.

As the NBA season remains in question, the games most enigmatic star, Dennis Rodman, made headlines with his marriage to Carmen Electra.

The Tennessee Vols became the first team to hold the top ranking in the BCS standings for more than a week. The Vols defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks 28-24 Saturday. The Vols host the Kentucky Wildcats Saturday with a chance to clinch the Eastern Division title. Arkansas can set up a rematch with the Vols if they defeat the Miss. St. Bulldogs.

The Tennessee Lady Vols lost for the first time in 47 games Sunday. The Lady Vols fell to the Purdue Lady Boilermakers.

It's rivalry time in the Sports Prognosticators contest. Some of college football's top rivalries are featured in a special double sized contest. Kim Chaudoin and Steve Shirley continue their rivalry as Chaudoin gained another game on Shirley last week. With only three weeks left in the contest, Shirley trails Chaudoin by four games. Check out all the details on pages 9-10.

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11:00- 1:00	I @ 2:10	II @ 7:40	I @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 11:50	l or II @ 3:20
2:00- 4:00	II @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 1:00	II @ 2:10	II @ 1:00	•

Examinations for evening classes will be administered at the same time in the regular room at the first class meeting scheduled during exam week.

All other examinations will be administered according to the day/time matrix above with the following legend:

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Friday, December 11....Study Day

Saturday, December 19 Graduation

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The student MUST take the initiative in such situations, and the professor impacted MUST be contacted by the student at least one week prior to the scheduled final exam time. Failure to properly contact the professor will forfeit that student's right to move his/her final exam.

Internet addiction a growing concern for college students

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. -- It's 4 a.m. and your eyes are drooping as you sit in front of your computer. You want to go to sleep, but first you just have to know what the weather's like in Zambia.

Surfing the Net can be useful for class or just plain fun, but Internet addiction is a growing concern, especially on college campuses.

Bert Epstein, staff therapist for Oregon State University's counseling and psychological services, said he considers college students the most likely victims of Internet addiction.

"Because of the fact that computers are so large in numbers on college campuses, and the students are required to be using them for class, it's very easy to switch from research to the Internet," Epstein said.

Epstein said the problem is difficult for some students to acknowledge.

"Students come in for some other problem, and only after discussing it at length do they realize the effects of their overly substantial Internet use," he said.

Epstein said he has encountered students who lose touch with their family and friends, encounter significant drops in grades or even develop physical ailments like eye strains, headaches, and carpal tunnel syndrome because of excessive Internet

The problem isn't exclusive to his university. Fleur Uptegraft, Northwestern's student computing coordinator, said she sees the problem at NU as well.

"The Internet is a new resource that once people have access to, their excitement might cause them to lose track of time management skills," Uptegraft said.

Though Internet addiction is difficult to pinpoint, the journal American Psychologist has found a connection between Internet use and depression. And a study at Alfred University in New York found that half of the freshmen who dropped out of school reported logging "marathon latenight hours" on the Internet.

But Louis Litrenta, a NU freshman, said that the studies should not automatically condemn the Internet.

"Any Introduction to Statistics student will tell you that correlation does not imply causation," Litrenta said. "The Internet doesn't cause depression, it just attracts the depressed because it provides many lonely people with companionship."

According to Epstein, avoiding addiction is a matter of setting realistic limits.

"Get an alarm and set it for a certain time," he said. "When it goes off, turn off the computer -- no matter what you're doing."

Uptegraft points students to an NU Web site, www.nwu.edu/resnet/getctrl, designed to provide help with Internet-related problems.

The Web site recommends that students "recognize when your computer is no longer a useful tool and has become nothing more than a time-waster and know when to get off."

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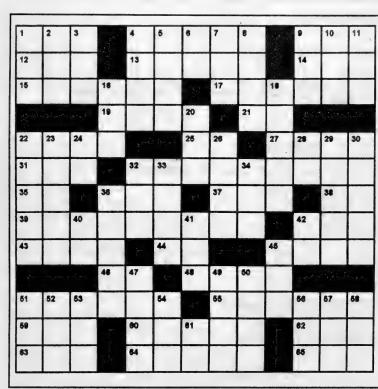
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One slip of the tongue and Dorothy found herself in Nome, Alaska.

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PERSPECTIVES

Editorials

Time to get rid of Saddam Hussein

Saddam Hussein must be one terrific poker player.

In yet another game of high stakes global poker, Saddam Hussein stared down the United Nations last week. He managed to block inspection efforts of his country's weapons facilities yet again.

The U.S. called his bluff, but not before he had time to again move any evidence of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

President Clinton threatened a campaign of air strikes if Hussein did not cooperate with the U.N. disarmament team. By some reports, those strikes were only hours from commencing Saturday before last minute negotiations averted the attacks.

The question is: should the strikes have been averted?

How many times will the U.N. and the U.S. allow one man to derail international inspections of military sites? How many "last minute negotiations" and "full access agreements" must we endure before we rid

the world of this menace?

Hussein has shown no conscience in using biological and chemical weapons in the past. He used them against Iranian troops, against his own people and possibly against U.S. troops during the Gulf War in

In 1990, President Bush called Hussein a modern day Hitler. If this characterization is correct, and it looks to be that way, then why doesn't someone get rid of the

If at the end of World War II, Hitler had remained alive, would the Allied leaders have allowed him to continue ruling Germany. Of course not. So why does Hussein remain in power?

Hussein's track record is long and it is proven when it comes to arms inspections. Whenever he feels that inspectors are closing in on his arsenals, he elects to halt the inspections. Then, during the negotiations with world leaders, he has all evidence moved or destroyed.

In January of 1993, US forces attacked Iraqi radar and air defense sites over Hussein's defiance of U.N. sanctions.

In October of 1994, the U.S. dispatched and aircraft carrier and more than 50,000 troops in response to an Iraqi buildup near

In September of 1996, U.S. forces attacked Iraqi forces invading Kurdish safe

In November of 1997, Iraq expelled all U.N. arms inspectors only to let them back in to the country a week later.

In January, a U.S. led inspection team was blocked from performing its duties.

In February, Iraq promised "free inspections and full cooperation" with those inspections.

Last month, Iraq suspended all cooperation with the inspection teams.

This pattern must be stopped once and for all. Go in and remove Saddam from power once and for all.

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Letters to the Editor

SGA: no laughing matter To the editor:

I would like to express my displeasure with the SGA. I'm concerned they are not representing the views of the student body.

I have yet to see them ask what the student body wants done at this school. They continue to harp on issues that are old, and unimportant for example the no curfew rule or the dress code. Why don't they poll the student body to see what we want them to do? Do they or do they not represent us? They should be finding solutions to problem that continue to plague this campus.

Why don't they ask the administration to get rid of Marriott if the majority of the student body is displeased with them? They did it with the book store can't they try to fix the Marriott problem?

Stop organizing too many social functions that most students don't attend.

How about getting recycling receptacles placed all over the school, both aluminum and paper. Recycle the aluminum cans and take that money and put it in the SGA budget and stop making us pay so much in SGA dues.

What about a Taco Bell on campus? I mean, Freed-Hardeman has one.

I realize that not all the SGA senators are oblivious to what the student body wants. Kudos goes to Sam Crutcher. He listens to opinions and takes advice from the students seriously. As a matter of fact he takes being a senator seriously, which is more than I can say for other representa-

I just thought this needed to be said because I'm not the only student in this school that feels like our student government has become the worst joke.

Melissa Stewart

Letters to the Editor

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Student Voices

What did you think of Homecoming?



Jeremy R. Swallows

I thought the Homecoming activities were great. The SGA should be commended on a job well done.



Matt Wilson

I would rather see Chris Collinson sing and dance anyday instead of Jo Dee Whoever.



The Homecoming play was awesome



I really enjoyed hippie day because I got to wear groovy pants.

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An introduction to Christian bashing 101

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. -- I was walking across the Plaza the other day when I saw a gigantic sign being held by a man that said "REPENT!"

A large crowd had gathered around the

man, and he was loudly, shouting "You're all sinners, don't you see?! You media stories, it seems will burn in Hellfire if you keep this up! like everything is the just someone who goes to church every You'll sizzle like Marlon Brando in a speedo, covered in

baby oil, lying on a beach! Ssssssssss! That's what you'll sound like as you fry!"

Christians' fault.

Albeit, he was trying his best to preach the Gospel, but the way he was speaking wasn't exactly the most persuasive. It wasn't helping how people would practically spit in his face and scream right back at him, adding to the cacophony.

Recently, however, I have seen a campus and nation-wide trend of bashing Christians publically. In lieu of recent media stories, it seems like everything is the Christians' fault.

Matt Shepard being savagely beaten and left for dead? The Christians' fault. "Intolerance" and "hate" on the rise? Must be the Christians. Minorities being suppressed in history? Christians. The national debt, flat Coca-Cola, and small puppies being kicked-everything has been the fault of the Christians. We practically have classes being taught on campus that teach people how to take any "negative" headline in the news and attribute it to the Christian

Quite frankly, I am utterly sick of this, and I will not stand for it any longer.

If these same sorts of spiteful comments were said about any other group or class of citizens, whether they be Muslim, homosexual, female, Native American, or anybody else, we would see hundreds of letters pouring in to the editor, administra-

tion, and I would not at all be surprised if mandated by God, and they care about us.) we saw a riot or two.

This hypocrisy is appalling and disgusting. People call Christians "ignorant". What's really ignorant is how many people

out there don't even In lieu of recent know what a Christian is.

> A Christian is not Sunday (though that can help). A Christian is not just someone

who has been baptized (baptism without faith is just a quick bath without soap). A Christian is someone who realizes that he or she has messed up, and done things which God doesn't like, and this is called sin. God doesn't let sin into Heaven, and since we've all sinned, it looks like we're

That person then says to God, "Listen, God. I'm a schmuck. I've messed up. I've

sinned awfully." (I know I've done this.) Then, that person the only way to get out one day is to accept Savior, because He paid for our sins when He shed blood and died

on the cross. Since that person has now accepted this, all sins, past, present and future, are forgiven.

So does this mean that person can sleep with 24 prostitutes while drunk and kill them all afterwards? No. That person has to do his or her best to walk away from sin and follow God's Laws. And lastly, that person must teach others to do so. (Those Gideons passing out Bibles and preachers on the Plaza aren't getting paid at all to do what they do-they do it because they are

The Bible says that it doesn't matter how good a person you are, or how much you go to Church, or who your theological teacher is. Only Jesus is the One who can help you. If you disagree with what I have written, don't take it up with me, take it up

Chances are that if you are still reading this article, and dislike Christians, you must be thinking to yourself, "Oh, no. Now that Christian Pruett guy is a religious nut. He gave up his humorous insights about college life to start preaching." Sorry if you feel that way, but this needed to be addressed, and I was the man to step up. My name isn't just something my parents gave me at birth; it's a description of what I

Did that Biblical description of what a Christian is sound hateful to you? Nowhere in that description did it say anything about hate or intolerance, and all it is backed by the Bible. There may be some popular

ideas which Chris-My name isn't just tians disagree with because of what the Christians do not hate They try to help everyone out.

Here's what I leave you guys to think about. Chris-

tians have put up with many things that they have disagreed with. Most things that people like to have, do, and believe right now goes against Scripture. So how come no one is willing to "tolerate" us?

If you have any questions or comments about my column, feel free to write to me at: logiq@holly.colostate.edu.

Christian Pruett is a columnist with the Rocky Mountain Collegian (Colorado

knows and accepts that something my parents Bible says, but true of sin and into Heaven gave me at birth; it's a or condemn anyone. Jesus Christ as his/her description of what I

am.

Looking back on Homecoming week

BY JONATHAN LING COLUMNIST

reetings. How was everyone's homecoming? Did you get to do everything? I somehow doubt it, but I'll go into that



What did you think about last week? In all good spirit, that was a good idea, but let's just look into it a bit.

How many of your senators actually participated in hillbilly day? Now don't get me wrong, there were a few there, but for an SGA sponsored activity, SGA action was nearly non-existent.

And now we get to the bonfire. I like bonfires, but let us look at behavior here. First, a fence was damaged when pallets were leaned up against it. Then, did anyone else's feet get a little wet? Do you know why? Somebody dropped a pallet and broke a water main under the field. Do you know who is going to be paying for this? Well, the SGA is, but it is coming out of the money we supply to them every semester. And from the latest reports, no one from SGA has gone over to pick up the nails scattered all over the field.

And now for the weekend. The homecoming play has been the exact same time every year. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00. Why was there a hypnotist here Thursday? Why was there a concert Friday? That's an unnecessary conflict.

What do you think of when you hear tailgate? I imagine a huge grill with the traditional foods such as hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs and others. Not BBQ. Why in the world was this thing catered? Have you seen that huge grill that Marriott has? We should rent that thing, fire it up in front of McQuiddy, and toast a few cows on it. Now that would be a tailgate party to remember.

Don't think that I am just going to rag on SGA. Where is our school spirit?

You seniors and juniors can remember the glory days. McQuiddy used to be the worst place for a team to come play. Look at the old pictures. The stands would be packed. No one would sit down. We would yell. We would choose one man on the other team and heckle him till he couldn't play anymore. Great teams would fall in the house of pain known as McOuiddy.

Where are you people now? Come with us. Join with the spirits of those fans past. I know that this is coming out after the Trevecca game, and I hope that this paragraph is all wrong, but we need to be

I know that nobody but Chuck (and if you don't know who Chuck is, you better be at the next game) can make it to all the games, but I do know that we all need to be there every chance we get. Just do your

The Spiritual Column

I am thankful

Thanksgiving Day. What a grand idea! A national holiday established to give thanks for the good things in our lives. Blessings experienced in the past, those enjoyed now, and optimism for future favor to be received and given.

Astonishingly, I realize what I am most grateful for money can't buy. Don't get me wrong. A price has been paid, but not with money. Cost has been covered by love, discipline, sacrifice, faithfulness, courage, good will, forgiveness, and gen-

My first thought is one of gratitude for a prayer answering God. A heavenly Father with whom I have an intimate personal relationship. As one whose natural father abandoned our family when I was twelve, this spiritual relationship provides security, discipline, and love. He is in constant pursuit of my love and obedience. He invariably answers my prayers in a positive way. Especially when I am praying for the well being of others.

He continually speaks to me through his word, through prayer, through the inner assurance of his spirit, through experience, and through other believers.

Oh God! I am thankful for those who have prayed for me over the years. For those who have forgiven me when I have been vain, selfish, mean spirited, even cruel. Heavenly Father, thank you for your patient forgiveness. Your comforting presence. Your faithful dependability. For the second chance, and the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, to seventy times seven.

Father, thank you for those who gave the last full measure of their lives to preserve our freedom and the opportunity extended us who survived to make a better America. I think too of the pilgrims who lost half their number the first cold dreadful winter in this new land. The wisdom and courage of our founding fathers and their subsequent sacrificial losses after they signed the Declaration of Independence.

I am grateful to my mother who, even though deserted by my father and left with three children twelve and under, endured the hard work and lean times of the great depression to hold our family together.

Our local newspaper will find itself on my list of what I am grateful for. American freedom of expression is exemplified by the potpourri of community thought found in the letters to the editor section. Sixty to eighty percent of newspaper readers read letters to the editor making it the second most popular feature in the newspaper. I am grateful for this local uncensored window on America.

Finally I am thankful for our church, our pastor, our friends in and out of the Christian faith, and the living Word, where we are reminded to, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in

As Thanksgiving Day approaches I find the most precious things in life do not cost money, but are paid for by that which is, "true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy." A virtuous standard, a biblical standard.

I am thankful.

(Jim Russell is a columnist with The Amy Foundation.)

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Coming Events

Thanksgiving break will run from Nov. 23 to Nov. 27. Residence halls will close Nov. 21 and will re-open on Nov. 28.

Lipscomb University Jazz Band presents its winter concert Dec. 3. The performance will be in Ward Lecture Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 2258.

Christmas Madrigal Dinner set for Dec. 12. The Lipscomb University Music Department presents its 14th annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the dining center. The dinner focuses on the theme "A Royal Wedding" and features continuous live entertainment including performances by the Early Music Consort, strolling minstrels and a jester. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be reserved at ext. 2258 by Dec. 8.

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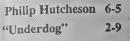
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PREDICTIONS

Last week's results

Kim Chaudoin 8-3 Steve Shirley Matt Baggett

7-4 7-4 Sean McAfee





Tennessee

How long has it been

since a good Jets team?



Kim Chaudoin "Token Female"



Sean McAfee "The Mac"



Steve Shirley "The Boss Man"





Frank Bennett

Kentucky vs Tennessee	Tennessee Al Wilson will live in Couch's back pocket.	UT a bit wounded but will come out strong.	Kentucky Couch plays with emotion for friend	Vols Couch loses last regular season game as a Cat	Kentucky All the Vol bashers can cheer for real	TN Vols in a high scoring affair
Arkansas vs. Miss. State	Arkansas Even after UT loss, Hogs still challenge for SEC title.	Ark. One of the nation's best; much stronger team.	Arkansas Team is for real Dec. 5 looms large	Bulldogs Arkansas can't stop GOOD run game	Miss St. Hogs can't get over last week	Arkansas Hogs bounce back from last week's heartbreak
Ole Miss vs. Georgia	Georgia Rebels don't have a chance.	Ga. Depth of Dawgs will prevail.	Ole Miss Who knows??	Dawgs For some reason, this pick scares me	Ole Miss Rebels win between the hedges	Georgia Andy Mankin's 'Dawgs roll
Auburn vs. Alabama	Alabama My little brother will love me for this one.	Bama Bama is coming on strong late in season.	Auburn Tigers salvage season with win	Tide Bama proud to turn knife in Auburn back	Auburn Iron Bowl has lost its luster this year	Alabama Roll Tide
Florida vs. Florida State	Florida 'Noles get chomped by Gators.	Fla. Spurrier will find a way to win.	FSU Gator 'D too banged up	Gators Florida proves SEC is dominant conference	Florida How is FSU favored with a backup QB?	Florida Still an outside shot at the Fiesta Bowl
LSU vs. Notre Dame	Notre Dame LSU has absolutely nothing left.	Irish LSU has fallen apart.	Irish Why are the Irish going to Rose Bowl	Tigers I need a win to make up ground on Kim	LSU Tigers play for pride of SEC	ND Luck of the Irish
Kansas St. vs. Missouri	K. State This team is way over- rated.	K. State Don't look for a loss this week.	K-State Bishop wins battle of QB's	Wildcats ESPN's new golden child	Missouri K-State crashes hard after big win	Kansas St. K-State keeps on
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Ohio State vs. Michigan	Ohio State Buckeyes will only choke once.	OSU Buckeyes won't be surprised again.	Michigan State of Michigan will party Sat. night	Buckeyes No pressure on OSU. They already lost!!	Wolverines OSU chokes at sight of 2nd Michigan team	OSU Have to go with my assistant's home state
	Ohio State Buckeyes will only	OSU Buckeyes won't be sur-	Michigan State of Michigan will	Buckeyes No pressure on OSU.	Wolverines OSU chokes at sight of	OSU Have to go with my

Jets

I have no respect for

Oilers

Name Kentucky vs. Tennessee Phone Number Arkansas vs. Miss. State Tie Breaker Ole Miss vs. Georgia Total Points in Ohio St./Michigan Auburn vs. Alabama

TN

Loss to Colts will cause

Jets to play tough.

Your picks

Contest Rules

Titans

I win either way with this

pick.

- 2. Only one entry per contestant per week. 3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but
- will only be entered into final drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a
- coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
- 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.

Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records

Jets

Big Tuna has team ready to fly

Oilers

Hometown Titans

overcome Parcells

79-30 Kim Chaudoin Steve Shirley 75-34 **Matt Baggett** 72-37 69-40 Sean McAfee 50-59 "Underdog"

Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" winners: Josh Tenery.

Overall student champion: **Josh Tenery**

USC vs. UCLA

N.Y. Jets vs.

TN Oilers

Yale vs. Harvard

N.Y. Jets vs. TN Oilers

Florida vs. Florida State

Kansas State vs. Missouri

LSU vs. Notre Dame

Ohio St. vs. Michigan

1. All entries must be received by The Babbler by Fri. at 6pm

PREDICTIONS

Last week's results

Kim Chaudoin 8-3 Steve Shirley 7-4

Matt Baggett 7-4 Sean McAfee

Philip Hutch

Seattle

over, Titans recover well.









to West Coast





"Underdog" 2-9	Matt Baggett "The New Guy"	Kim Chaudoin "Token Female"	"The Mac"	"The Boss Man"	Oliderdog	Don Meyer
Tennessee vs Vandy	Tennessee They call this a game!	UT Duh!	UT Give me a break! Vandy has no chance	Vols TN whips little brothers once again	Vandy They have to win sometime	TN What's to say
Ole Miss vs. Miss. State	Miss. St. Good Game. Nothing more than a guess.	Miss. St. Bulldogs too strong for rebels.	Ole Miss Miss. St. too one dimentional	Bulldogs Hard to pick to two weeks in advance	Rebels The Egg Bowl?? What kind of name is that???	Ole Miss How do you cheer for MSU after what they did to that poor bull?
Arkansas vs. LSU	Arkansas Hogs D clamps down on Tigers.	Ark. Hogs will stampede the Tigers.	Arkansas This team believes.	LSU Ark showed against TN, it can't stop run	LSU Tigers have to win one in Death Valley	Arkansas Nice if Hogs won. I like Dinardo though
Georgia Tech ys. Georgia	Georgia The Quincy Carter Show.	Ga. Georgia offense will dominate.	Georgia QC remembers why he walked away from GT	Dawgs SEC beats ACC for 2nd week in row	Tech An ACC team actually wins out of conference	Georgia Donnan was a small college coach
Texas A&M vs. Texas	Texas I've bashed Ricky Williams enough.	A&M Aggies are looking good.	Texas Ricky strikes Heisman pose early, often	Aggies Doesn't A&M have a loss due to forfeit???	Texas Jake Wilson shaves his head in tribute	A&M A&M bonfires almost as big as Lipscomb's
Colorado vs. Nebraska	Nebraska Huskers gunning after K. State loss.	Neb. Huskers way too strong for Col.	Buffaloes Huskers have nothing to play for	Huskers TV ratings for this game will be in dumper	Colorado Anyone care about this game this year?	Nebraska That's where I'm from
Virginia Tech vs. Virginia	Virginia Tech Hokies are better than people think.	Va. Hokies are slipping	Virginia What kind of name is "Hokie"	Virginia Tech ACC is weaker than Big (L)East	Virginia ACC is on a winning streak	Virginia Two great coaching staffs
Miami vs. Syracuse	Syracuse McNabb tears 'Canes apart.	Syracuse 'Cuse will finish with a bang.	Miami Syracuse loses the games they should win	Orangemen McNabb is my favorite player to watch	Miami Hurricane warnings in the Carrier Dome	Syracuse I don't like either program
Notre Dame vs. USC	Notre Dame I don't know.	Notre Dame Luck of the Irish strikes again.	Notre Dame Trojans suffer let down after beating Bruins	Trojans Another pick to maybe make up ground	USC Notre Dame is very overrated	USC It doesn't matter
Vikings vs. Cowboys	Dallas Emmett Smith still is the man.	Vikings Dallas is a little weak.	Cowboys Vikings shocked at playing in half dome	Cowboys Dallas finds way to win on Thanksgiving	Cowboys Michael vs. Randy: the thug match	Vikings Jason Shelton likes the Vikings
Tennessee vs.	Tennessee Identity crisis is now	TN Gotta pick 'em.	Oilers Who cares anymore??	Seattle Titans suffer from jet lag	Seattle Oilers shocked at their Moon(ing) in dome	Seattle Titanic struggle

Your picks Name Tennessee vs. Vandy Phone Number Ole Miss vs. Miss. State Tie Breaker Arkansas vs. LSU Total Points in Georgia/Florida Georgia vs. Georgia Tech Texas A&M vs. Texas **Contest Rules** Colorado vs. Nebraska 1. All entries must be received by The Babbler by Fri. at 6pm 2. Only one entry per contestant per week. Virginia Tech vs. Virginia 3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but will only be entered into final drawing one time. 4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a Miami vs. Syracuse coin toss will be conducted to determine winner. 5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and Notre Dame vs. USC will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production. Vikings vs. Cowboys Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes will be awarded to students only. Tennessee vs. Seattle

Overall Records

Moon(ing) in dome

79-30 Kim Chaudoin Steve Shirley 75-34 **Matt Baggett** 72-37 Sean McAfee 69-40 "Underdog" 50-59

Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" winners: William Eason, Jonathon Thomas, Jake Wilson--all with identical 8-3 records.

Overall student champion: William Eason who correctly guessed 45 points for the Florida/Georgia game.

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The Cheap Seats: We're sick of stupid subtitles the editors put under here

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY COLUMNISTS

Hey all you crazy sports fans! With Thanksgiving just around the corner, many things are going on. Turkeys are being killed by the dozens, college students are packing up for home and holiday sporting events are getting closer. The college football race is heating up, college basketball is starting, and water polo is in full swing. So, without further rambling, here comes the sports.

Arkansas thought they were going to add another win to their record on Saturday. Boy were they wrong. Not only did they blow a 21-3 lead, but all they had to do was run the clock out at the end of the game. Arkansas QB Clint Stoerner fumbled with less than two minutes to go and Tennessee recovered. Five plays later, TOUCHDOWN! Travis Henry ran in for the winning touchdown. UT won 28-24. Way to go Stoerner!

◆Have you seen this Ricky Williams guy? This Texas running back is running over everything, including the record books. Williams is 63 yards away from breaking Tony Dorsett's all-time career rushing record of 6,082 yards. He has already scored more touchdowns (73) in his career thean any other college player in history.

Look out Barry Sanders, Ricky is on his way to the NFL and he's bringing his dredlocks with him.

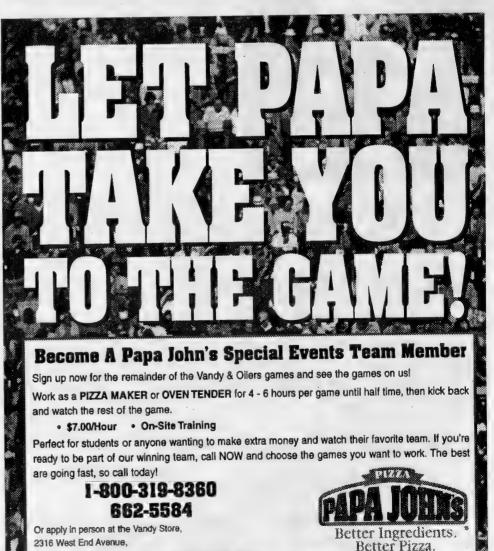
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◆Kentucky's men baketball team is at it again. They pounded Eastern Kentucky 99-64 last week. Even playing without Jamal Magloire, Ryan Hogan and Myron Anthony, who were all suspened by Tubby Smith last week, the Wildcats shot 56% from the field and out rebounded the Colonels 48-33. Kentucky might look good now, but just wait until they play Vandy!

♦Now on to the exciting and wonderful world of high school water polo. Jaison Robinson, a senior goalie from Wilson High in Long Beach, California, just finished a near perfect season. He had 221 saves and is expecting his State Champioship ring to be coming in anytime now. The Bruins finished their season undefeated. They beat Newport Harbor 16-7 for the state title. With such a bright future ahead in professional water polo, is there anyone who can stop this guy?

◆College football quickies: Kansas State won because of the missed facemask call in the closing minutes of the game; FSU won; Michigan over Wisconsin; Florida romped South Carolina; Kentucky killed Vandy; UCLA barely gets by, again.

Hope you enjoyed this installment of "The Cheap Seats." Due to circumstances beyond our control, (no one will be here!) there will be no column next week. But not to fear, because, of course, we will be back. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and remember to try to eat a lot of good food at home this week, for it will be your last until Christmas.



Bisons and Lady Bisons prepare for Chuck Ross Invitational

BY STEVE SHIRLEY **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

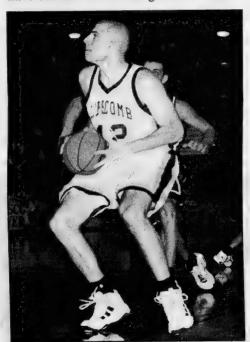
The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams are preparing for a busy weekend.

The Bisons, coming off a 104-70 blowout of cross-town rival Trevecca Tuesday night, are set to host Patten College and Athens State.

The Lady Bisons will square off tonight against Tennessee Temple before hosting Shawnee State and North Georgia in this weekend's tournament.

The Bisons come into the tournament with a record of 4-0 and ranked 17 in the nation. The Bisons have had a balanced scoring attack this year as three different players have led the Bisons in scoring in the four games.

Of special note is the contribution of the freshmen on this year's squad. Jomo Dopwell, Adam Sonn and Kyle Stephens have each seen significant playing time and have each taken advantage of the time to



make their marks.

In two of the first four games, Sonn has led the Bisons in scoring.

Sonn, a post player from Nashville, led the Bisons in scoring against Tennessee Temple and against Trevecca. He also led the team in rebounds in those two games.

Fellow freshman post players Stephens and Dopwell have also contributed in the scoring and rebounding totals. Dopwell also has contributed the strongest dunk of the year in the Bison win against Trevecca.

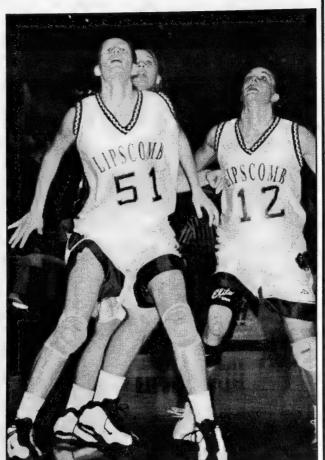
The Trevecca game was a physical and emotional game for both teams.

The Trojans were whistled for 37 fouls allowing the Bisons to shoot 46 free throws. The Bisons converted those chances into 32 points.

The Bisons will look to carry their momentum into this weekend's tournament and stretch their record to 6-0. The Bisons hope to continue photos by Steve Shirley with three freshman seeing recent game. maturing as a team is equally

For the Lady Bisons, this weekends marks an opportunity to build some consistency. Thus far in the season, the team has not won or lost back-to-back games, alternating winning and losing so far this sea-

With three games in three days, the Lady Bisons would like to improve their 2-2 record and build momentum for the upcoming season.



building team chemistry. And Above: Anna Moss (51) and Rachel Stark block out in a

significant playing time, Left: Adam Sonn prepares to go up for a shot.

The Lady Bisons only have to take a quick look ahead at the upcoming schedule to see why some positive momentum would be a valued asset. Eight of the team's next nine games come in tournaments against some of the NAIA's elite

For the Lipscomb squads, there is no time like the present to build the necessary team chemistry and personality for the upcoming season.

The Sports Column **Kudos Coaches**

I can hardly believe it. The fall semester is coming to an end and everyone is getting busier.

This time of the year, however, is also the beginning of something extremely special for the Lipscomb community.



MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

This special something is called basket-

As you all know, and as Patrick Cameron reminded us last week, the Bison basketball program and the Bison fans have a national reputation. It was great to know that McQuiddy was packed last night. This crowd was rewarded with the 40-point win over Trevecca. They were also treated to a monster dunk by Jomo Dopwell. (I must admit that I was not there.)

Coach Don Meyer and his staff are to be commended for the excellent job they did in preparing the Bisons for the beginning of the season.

Yesterday, I happened to stumble upon Coach Meyer's website. It is a sight to behold. On this sight you can get detailed information about the backgrounds of the Bison coaching staff, information about instructional books & videos, camps, etc. Also, there are player profiles and some historical information about Bison basketball. It is actually quite interesting. The address is http://www.coachmeyer.com.

Now, moving on, the coaches of the Bison Cross-Country teams are to be commended. This year, Lipscomb is sending eight runners to the NAIA national meet and came within just a couple of places of sending 10. Coach Lynn Griffith and his staff have don e an excellent job of coaching this team of young runners.

It is really encouraging to know that the top runners for the Men's team were both freshmen. David Scott and Dan Turner are going to be one of the reasons that the Bisons will be a force in cross-country for years to come.

The women's team has held its own this year as well. They, like the men, are sending four runners to the national meet. The women's team is also a young team and will be successful for many years to

Finally, I have an apology to offer to golf coach Ralph Samples and his golf team. I apologize for not giving you the coverage you deserve this season. The accomplishments of the Men's and Women's teams have been just as impressive as any of the other sports that have been covered.

Well, that's my take on things for this week. I felt that the coaches at Lipscomb don't always get the respect that is due them. So, if you ever get the chance don't hesitate to compliment our coaches on the job they are doing with our sports teams.

THIS WEEK IN LIPSCOMB SPORTS:

Men's Basketball:

Nov. 20-21 Chuck Ross Classic 8 p.m.

Nov. 27-28 @Union (TN) Classic TBA

Nov. 30 Christian Brothers 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

Nov. 19 Tennessee Temple 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 20-21 Chuck Ross Classic 6 p.m.

Nov. 23 @Campbellsville 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 27-28 @Union (TN) Classic 2 p.m.

December 4,

A group of Berkley students are staging a protest atop a tree. Read about their effort on page 4. "The Best of Lipscomb" is back. Check it out on pages 8-9.

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Thompson speaks to Lipscomb assembly

Sen. adresses U.S. values, direction; supports hearings on impeachment

BABBLER STAFF REPORTS

U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson used his visit to Lipscomb Monday to talk about the government and its role in society.

While the focus of his talk revolved around the values of a nation, Thompson also addressed the current political environment surrounding President Clinton and the debate over impeachment hearings.

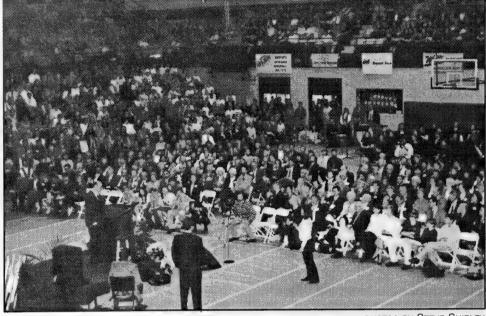
"We are going to have a great debate...on whether one man is above the law," Thompson said. "The president apparently did not tell the truth under oath. Apparently, he used the offices of the White House to cover up his conduct.

"For hat he must be held accountable. We all have to pay the price for the things

Thompson said he is concerned with the disagreement among the people about how to handle the situation, but sees a "universal condemnation of the behavior" of the president. He said he fully supports the investigation and hopes that the citizens will focus on the law and not the president's popularity.

"Think about the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Marine Corp; think about truth, honor, fidelity, and duty," Thompson said. "These are the kind of things you need to be thinking about instead of the public opinion polls."

Thompson spoke at length about the dangers of a nation losing sight of it goals and missions. He stressed localizing government, citing the current economic situa-



PHOTOS BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Sen. Fred Thompson answers a question from Miranda Morrow before a packed crowd in McQuiddy Gymnasium.

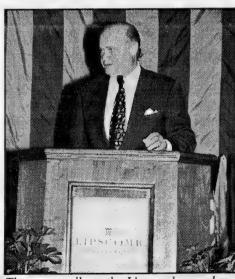
tions in Malaysia and Russia as examples of what can happen if a central government becomes too strong.

"A mighty nation can become an economic basket case in a short period of time," Thompson said, "if important things such as religion and individual rights are

'It's not because of lack of knowledge that they [Malaysia and Russia] are having these problems. It's not just how much you know, it's who you are and what you are about."

Without freedom there will never be a strong and just society," he said.

Thompson explained the current chaotic situations in these nations began when the government denied the citizens their right to reach "their natural level of



Thompson talks to the Lipscomb crowd on the importance of values in government

Bison Square twinkles with Christmas spirit

SGA sponsors annual lighting of square

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

The Lipscomb campus came alive with Christmas spirit Tuesday night at the annual lighting of Bison Square.

The Lipscomb tradition featured not only 14,600 lights but also carols performed by A Cappella and the University Singers.

"It just felt good to be part of a Lipscomb tradition," said A Cappella member Mandy Wilson.

The responsibility of lighting the square went to the SGA.

"The lighting of Bison Square is a great Lipscomb tradition that helps the student body get into the Christmas spirit," said entertainment committee chairman Adam

Some people were not impressed with the display this year.

"I was expecting National Lampoon's Christmas but I got less light than I have in my dorm room. Get a ladder," said Laura

Another student, Ann Teisher said, "It's pretty but I like color."

However, most students found the lights to be all they hoped for.

"Beautiful, I've never seen anything like it," said Kristy Brinker.

Aaron Wright said he made a "special"

trip to see the lights.

"I woke up to come see this. That's how great it is," he said.

Pete Westerholm said he hoped students enjoyed the display.

"I hope the students enjoy the spectacles and the singing in the Square," he said.

To view the lights

The lights in Bison Square remain on throughout the day. The best time to view the lights is after 6 p.m. The lights will stay up until after Christmas.

Senate debates fund allocation

BY STEVE SHIRLEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The SGA may get a second chance to vote on a financial request that was previously voted down.

At Monday night's SGA meeting, Joe McKamey and Bethany Broadway from Sigma Pi Beta presented a proposal to the SGA requesting \$1,125.

The money would be used to pay the registration fees for 15 students going to the National Conference on Youth Min-

After a brief question and answer period where McKamey and Broadway presented the proposal to the Senate and were questioned by the senators, the proposal was brought before a vote.

Needing a two-thirds majority for passage, the proposal only garnered 12 yes votes. Seven senators voted no while six abstained.

After the original proposal failed, a motion was brought before the Senate to vote on altered version requesting \$1,100.

The second version also failed to garner 17 votes.

A third version of the proposal, allocating \$750, was also defeated.

Many senators said that money was not the deciding factor in how they voted.

"It was not a money issue," junior senator Brett Harrison said. "We can handle the money. It was the principle.

"The question was: Is it right to give this group of people money?"

Harrison said he thought the answer to that question was yes.

"I think it would benefit the entire campus," he said. "I think it would be a \$1,000 investment to send people to learn about ministry. They would bring that ministry back to the campus."

Senior senator Kevin Duncan, who also voted yes for the proposal, said he thought the group would help the campus by leading a discussion on what they learned at the convention.

"They would host an enrichment night," Duncan said. "It would be similar to a marketing speaker in that it would be a teaching night open to all students."

Steve Neil, a freshman senator, said he was torn during the initial discussion over the proposal.

"We have a responsibility to watch very carefully how we spend the money," Neil said. "But those are students who are

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Your World at a Glance

International

The Human Rights Watch issued its annual report Thursday that hashly criticized the United States for failing to take the global lead in fighting human rights abuses. The report saidthe U.S. failed to address abuses in other countries and was "severely out of step with most of the rest of the world" on major issues. The report specifically cited the U.S.'s failure to support a worldwide ban on landmines.

Faulty wiring is the likely cause of a fire that swept through a Manila orphanage and child care center early Thursday. More than 30 children and adults were killed when the fire struck the Bahay Kalinga orphanage. Many children were seen crying for help behind second floor windows barred shut to keep out intruders.

In response to a violent clashes with Palestinian protesters, Isreali Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cancelled troop withdrawls from the occupied territories.

National

A Washington D.C. jury aquitted former agricultural secretary Mike Espy of 30 corruption charges brought against him by an independent council. Espy, who was forced from office over the allegations, called the special prosecutor a "schoolyard bully."

The firstman to escape Texas's death row since a member of Bonnie and Clyde's gang escaped in 1934 is no longer a threat to the community. The body of Martin Gurule was found floating beneath a bridge in a river near the jail. Gurule escaped Thanksgiving day Officials are investigating how Gurule escaped.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLE

These Lipscomb students help push a car out of the grass beside the Student Center.

Local

Nashville attorney Cyrus Booker entered the race for mayor Wednesday. Booker said he plans to run on a platform of better education, fewer tax increases and more community-friendly government. Booker is the third candidate to announce a bid for the mayor's office. The election will be in 1999.

A recent report before state legislators suggested that the state could cut its death toll in half and save millions of dollars in medical expenses if seatbelts were made mandatory for all vehicle passengers. The report by Mary Fran Hazinski, injury prevention coordinator at VUMC, said that the costs at Vanderbilt alonewould be half lasts year's total of \$5.8 million in medical expenses.

The David Lipscomb High School football team is in the Clinic Bowl tonight.

Business

Johnson & Johnson announced Thursday plans to lay off more than 4,000 employees. The layoffs are an attempt to cut costs and reallocate other funds into research and development.

The economy got mixed signals from the latest unemployment figures. Overall unemployment is down from last month. However, the market is down more than 250,000 manufacturing jobs.

Entertainment

The latest buzz is about the latest animated films this season. Disney/Pixar's A Bug's Life has held the top spot at the box office for three weeks. But on the horizon is Dreamwork's Prince of Egypt. Dreamwork's first animated film will tell the story of Moses. The movie's unique soundtrack hit the stores last week to critical acclaim.

Sports

It's crunch time for the BCS rankings. With three undefeated teams going into tomorrow's final weekend of football, it is likely one team will be "decimaled" out of the Fiesta Bowl. Tennessee holds a 0.04 lead over UCLA while Kansas State is 1.28 out of the critical second place. The final BCS ranking will be released Sunday afternoon.

The Vols will face off against Mississippi State in the SEC championship game. UCLA travel to Miami to face the Hurricanes. Kansas State squares off against Texas A&M.

The Predators, 9-13-1, face a stern test tomorrow night as they face off against arguably the best goalie in the NHL in Dominic Hasek. The Predators have only scored two goals in their last two games and are on a two game losing skid.

The Oilers shot at the playoffs are slipping away quickly. The team lost to the Seattle Seahawks last week on a last second field goal to fall to 6-6. The Ravens visit Nashville Sunday. Tickets are still available.

In the college football merrygoround, Lou Holtz is going to South Carolina, Bob Stoops is in at Oklahoma, Tommy Tubberville went to Auburn, David Cutcliffe took over at Ole Miss and Tommy Bowden claimed the Clemson job. Stay tuned for more.

With two weeks left in the Sports Prognosticators Contest, Kim Chaudoin leads
Steve Shirley by six games. The two differ on five picks this week though. Next week's final contest will focus on bowl games. Check out the details on page 14.

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Thompson: the president did not tell the truth under oath

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achievement based on their abilities."

Thompson said that while the United States used to point missiles at Russia, we now have to send them food. And while the capital of Malaysia is the home of the world's tallest building, the economy has crashed so severely that foreign countries have been forced to provide financial aid to the government.

Thompson's focus on these two countries allowed him to differentiate them from the United States. Thompson recog-

nized the perseverance of this counence from the other countries: values.

"The fundamental source of our run for office. rights in this country is not the government, not our leaders; we

were endowed by our Creator with certain rights and everything else flows from that." Thompson explained that his experi-

ence serving on the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973-74 led him to seek office 20 years later. He said that he was so disgusted by his encounter with government during this that it made him want to be in run for Congress and make a differ-

"I thought that we were getting away from some of the things in this country that had made us great," Thompson said. "So I decided to run for office.

"Sometimes you just want to do something to make the world a better place," he

Since he entered the Senate in 1994, Thompson said he has steadily fought to change Washington. He has worked on reforming Congress, balancing the budget and campaign finance reform.

"My observations and studies have told

me that if you have a I thought that we were government big try's ancestors through difficult getting away from some enough to do all these wonderful that to the United of the things in this things for you, you have a government States' major differ- country that had made big enough and powerful enough to us great. So I decided to take a lot of wonderful things away from you," he said.

> Thompson native of Lawrenceburg, earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of Memphis in 1964 and a law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1967.

> Thompson was appointed Assistant United States Attorney just two years out of law school. At the age of 30 was appointed minority counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee, where he served in 1973-74.



Sen. Thompson told the audience that President Clinton must be held responsible for his actions.

In 1977, Thompson took on government corruption once again. He investigated the case of a Tennessee Parole Board chairman whose dismissal was suspicious. The investigation uncovered government corruption that eventually led all the way to the governor's office.

The story led to a best selling book and later a movie in which Thompson played himself. That acting stint sparked a successful movie career in which Thompson has appeared in 18 movies, including roles

in "In the Line of Fire," "Die Hard II," and "The Hunt for the Red October."

Thompson realizes that his acting career is the genesis of his popularity with young people and it doesn't bother him.

He made light of the situation by telling a story about the day he got elected.

"The reporters didn't want to know what it felt like to be elected a United States Senator," Thompson said, "They wanted to know what acting with Tom Cruise was like.'

In a question and answer period after his speech, Thompson addressed the two questions to which everyone wanted

One student asked if he planned to run

'I'm going to wait a year and then make a decision regarding that," Thompson

Another student asked if he thought the impeachment hearings should continue.

"Absolutely, they should go forward," said Thompson. "The president did not tell the truth under oath, there are people in jail for that right now.'

Thompson's answer to the impeachment question drew a long ovation from the crowd.

Addie Hill, Jeff Lee, Jennifer Mick, Betsy Rachal and Jay Rowe each contributed to this story.

1998 FALL SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 12, 1998 - Thursday, December 17, 1998

Exam Time	Sat., Dec. 12	Mon., Dec. 14	Tues., Dec. 15	Wed., Dec. 16	Thur., Dec 17
8:00-10:00	Freshman Comp	1@8:50	II @ 11:50	1@ 7:40	II @ 8:50
11:00- 1:00	I @ 2:10	II @ 7:40	I @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 11:50	l or II @ 3:20
2:00- 4:00	II @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 1:00	II @ 2:10	II @ 1:00	

Examinations for evening classes will be administered at the same time in the regular room at the first class meeting scheduled during exam week.

All other examinations will be administered according to the day/time matrix above with the following legend:

I = MWO, M, MW, MTWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Monday

II = TRE, T, R, TR, TWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Tuesday

Friday, December 11....Study Day

Saturday, December 19 Graduation

If you are scheduled to have 3 examinations in one day you MAY have the option to move the middle exam. The total number of semester hours of these three courses must equal nine or more. This would entitle you to take a make-up exam after the time of the regular examination. Please work out a mutually agreeable time for the make-up examination.

The student MUST take the initiative in such situations, and the professor impacted MUST be contacted by the student at least one week prior to the scheduled final exam time. Failure to properly contact the professor will forfeit that student's right to move his/her final exam.

Berkeley radio broadcasters stage protest atop tree

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. -- After enduring eight full days of harsh rain, wind and cold temperatures atop a redwood tree, a group of pirate radio activists are prepared to continue their protest.

Members of Tree Radio Berkeley, a group comprised of community activists and supporters of the free radio movement, have been broadcasting from a tree in Willard Park since Nov. 23.

The group said Wednesday that they plan to continue to broadcast from the branches for as long as they can.

They said they are protesting the Federal Communications Commission's restrictions against microradio stations and a federal injunction placed against Free Radio Berkeley, a former pirate radio station that was forced to shut down its operations in June.

Supporters of microradio stations held a news conference yesterday at the park to update the community on its efforts and developments surrounding the broadcasting.

"We want to be lawful, legitimate citizens," said Gerald Smith, a supporter of Tree Radio Berkeley. "What's the big deal about people setting up a community radio station? There's no need for regulation of low-wattage stations."

The FCC currently does not allow microradio stations that operate on less than 100 watts to obtain licenses to broadcast.

The federal agency has also made it a requirement for potential radio stations to have \$100,000 before they are allowed to take airwaye space.

Two Tree Radio Berkeley disc jockeys, who call themselves Birdman and Sparrow, have been broadcasting from a makeshift station harnessed to tree branches on 104.1 FM, Free Radio Berkeley's former dial position, 24 hours a day since Nov. 23.

"We're going to go as long as we can, definitely for another week," said Peter Burns, a supporter of the broadcast. "The weather's rough. It can get pretty windy up there."

Tree Radio Berkeley members said

they chose to broadcast from atop the redwood tree to make it more difficult for officials and the FCC from forcing them down.

"One reason why we're up in the tree is that the FCC can't get up there," Burns

Although the tree is surrounded by yellow police tape, city police officials have made no active attempts to remove the DJs from the tree

"We've been going eight days and they haven't come," Burns said. "We're daring them. We totally announced it. We challenged them to come. They haven't got out the chainsaws."

Two FCC officials did take action when they placed a note on the bottom of the tree Nov. 25, warning the broadcasters that they could be arrested and their equipment confiscated if they did not cease broadcast.

But Birdman and Sparrow said they have no plans to leave their perch or stop broadcasting.

"We demand that the FCC end the harassment of microradio and that they stop shooting down micro operations," Birdman said from the tree.

Officials from the FCC could not be reached for comment.

Birdman and Sparrow are given food via buckets that operate on a pulley system, bringing the DJs water, burritos and other supplies.

In order to stay warm, they have an adequate supply of thick blankets and clothing. In addition, the entire makeshift radio station is covered with blue tarp to prevent damage of equipment from rain, as well as to protect the DJs.

"We're well protected from the rain and the wind," Sparrow said. "We have thermal underwear, blankets."

Supporters added that the FCC's regulations and injunctions are a direct violation of first amendment rights.

"(Pirate-radio broadcasting) is important because it is in support of the first amendment," Smith said. "Americans have the right. American people's rights are being chipped away."

Researchers discover dangers of ingesting post-1982 pennies

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. -- Medical Center researchers reported yesterday at the Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America that pennies minted after 1982 may lead to severe stomach inflammation and even ulcers if ingested.

Pennies minted after 1982 contain mostly zinc with only a thin copper plating whereas earlier pennies consist of 95 percent copper and 5 percent zinc.

Dr. Sara O'Hara, a pediatric radiologist, and her colleagues found that later pennies eroded when immersed in a solution of stomach acid. Within one day, the pennies had holes in them.

Zinc in the pennies reacted with the

stomach acid to form hydrogen gas and zinc chloride.

These by-products can cause the stomach lining to erode.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that in 1997, more than 21,000 children visited emergency rooms after swallowing coins.

O'Hara said that most pennies ingested pass through the stomach and intestinal tract without incident. She recommended that parents wait a day or two when they know their child or pet has swallowed a penny and check stools to see if the coin passes through.

If stomach pains or vomiting occur, medical attention is necessary. ■

U. Nebraska students perfect milk-mustache techniques

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. -- Their mothers would have told them to wipe those milk mustaches off their faces.

But Tuesday at the Nebraska Union, more than 80 students slopped on milkshakes in hopes their mustaches would land their picture in Sports Illustrated.

"I guess I had an unfair advantage, because (the milkshake) actually stuck to my real mustache," said Rob Reynolds, a freshman general studies major.

Rebbecca Short, a senior psychology major, had a harder time until the "Milk, Where's Your Mustache?" photographer gave her some advice. She drank her milk-shake but had forgotten how to make the milk surge against her upper lip.

"(The photographer) said to just let it sit there on my lip. You just dam it up against your lip," Short said.

Other students, too, have found that posing with the perfect mustache isn't easy, said Casey Reidy for the Milk Mustache Campaign.

"A lot of people drink (the milkshake) and get a great mustache, and then they smile and instinctively lick it off," she said.

Although spokeswoman Tracy Naden said what students really needed was a "prevalent milk mustache," several University of Nebraska-Lincoln students tried more creative measures Tuesday, such as spreading the shakes on their eyebrows and posing with their milk-mustached infants.

"Some people made really pouty, sexy faces," Reidy said.

Reidy said some students at other schools dipped their beards into the milk-shakes or dumped it on their faces.

"It's hilarious to look at the proofs. The first (photo shot) is sort of posed, and in the second one, they're leaning over laughing hysterically," she said.

More than 120 students posed Tuesday

at the union and the Hewit Athletic Academic Center. One UNL student's photo will appear on http://www.whymilk.com and in a "Got Milk?" ad in the Daily Nebraskan.

The milk mustache campaign, which was sponsored by the UNL chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, will visit 50 colleges and universities around the nation this year.

One winner will be chosen from each school, and one of those 50 will be featured in a Sports Illustrated advertisement. About 7,500 college students will participate in the contest this year.

Last year's winner was a male student from Indiana State University.

Reidy said she hoped the campaign would motivate students to drink three glasses of milk a day. She said many students avoid milk because they think it is fattening.

"A lot of girls, especially, are concerned about their weight, and they think milk is a heavy food," Reidy said.

Reidy said that skim milk is fat-free and provides calcium, which is essential for building bone mass. She said drinking skim milk would not cause students to gain weight

"If you drink a gallon of whole milk a day, you'll probably gain a little weight,"

However, most students who posed with a milk mustache said they probably weren't going to change their milk-drinking habits.

Allison Pagehorn, a freshman general studies major, said she drinks milk "hardly at all."

"I just don't like milk. I've never liked milk," she said.

However, Pagehorn thought the ad campaign was fun.

"I just wanted a T-shirt, man!"

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Pat Ford

Senators question giving money to pre-professionals

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going to make a direct impact in people's lives."

Neil said he was not able to come to a decision when the first vote on the proposal came before the Senate Monday night.

"I couldn't decide," he said. "I didn't feel like I knew which way to lean."

After the original proposal and the two amended versions were defeated, the Senate closed discussion on the proposal. There is a possibility that the proposal may be brought back before the Senate at the Dec. 7 meeting.

"I'm glad we got a chance to talk and discuss the proposal some more," Neil said. "I plan to be ready if and when a new proposal comes to a vote Monday."

Several of the senators shared Neil's concerns about how the voting process went

A proposal sponsored by the SGA comes before the senate for a first reading where senators have an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal. Two weeks later, the proposal comes back up for vote before the SGA.

But with a proposal from a student group, the SGA must often decide at first reading.

In regards to the proposal for the registration fees for the NCYM, many of the senators expressed a desire to spend more time reviewing the proposal and addressing specific concerns with the club.

"I think that had a definite impact on the vote," said sophomore senator Sam Crutcher. "We didn't have a chance to necessarily address the concerns before we had to vote.

Crutcher said that there were several sticking points for senators that raised concerns about giving the group the money.

In their request form, groups asking for money from the SGA must explain how the money has the potential to provide benefit to the entire student body.

Crutcher explained that several senators wondered how this conference might help the entire student body.

Crutcher also explained that some senators questioned if the convention was truly open to all interested students due to a lack of effective advertising.

Joe McKamey, president of Sigma Pi Beta, said he understood the concerns and hoped to answer any questions the SGA might have.

"No. We didn't do it [advertise] as well as we could have," McKamey said. "We had announcements in some bible classes. Unfortunately, we did not have them in all classes. But we also spread the news through word of mouth."

McKamey also said he understood the debate over the principle of giving money based on impact to the campus.

"That is something the SGA must decide," he said. "If the answer is yes, this event has the potential to affect the student body, then allocate the money. If it

doesn't, then don't

"I just don't think you are ever going to do anything that interests or profits the entire student body," McKamey said. "That being the case, if you can help someone, then help them. Help them if it is two people, twenty people or 2,000 people.

"I guess my definition of what helps the student body is just broader than theirs."

Another concern senators had was determining if a pre-professional group had the right to SGA funds.

"It is a hard question," Crutcher said.
"We are a Christian school and that has an impact on the discuss for this group. If a group of pre-med students came to us asking for money for a convention, would we vote for it? I don't know. Probably not."

Some senators said they had a problem giving money to a group to attend a "job-training" convention.

Chris Collinson said he voted no on the proposal to maintain consistency for all school groups.

"If it had been PRSSA or the pre-law society wanting to go to a career workshop, their proposal would have been easily voted down," he said. "But since it is a preprofessional club for youth ministers and youth workers, people can get emotionally involved.

"Some think that because it is a spiritual organization, the result of the conference would be a great uplift to the student body," Collinson said. "I personally think it would be a great uplift to 15 people and their friends, no more than that."

McKamey said he wished he could have addressed the "job-training" issue in the meeting.

"I understand the job-training rationale," he said. "I just don't feel like we got a fair chance to discuss that. Only one question was directed toward that issue, yet that is what most people had a hang up

"I wish they had asked us more questions about it."

McKamey is hopeful that the Senate will bring up another motion to discuss the proposal Monday night.

"We have written another proposal for the SGA," McKamey said. "It emphasizes our enrichment night and addresses some of the previous concerns."

McKamey said that the new request is for only \$900 now. Three students decided not to attend the conference earlier this week.

SGA president Matthew McInteer said that the Senate would be able to vote on a new proposal.

"If we choose to address issues pertaining to the Senate, it will be a special meeting under the constitution," he said. "I suppose if someone motions for it, we would discuss it.

The previous motion is dead. All three versions were voted. If someone else wanted to bring another version up, we would have to look at it."

How the Senate voted:

The Senate voted on three versions of the proposal. The following vote is from the original proposal for \$1,125.

Yes .	<u>No</u>
Seth Portis	Carrie Turner
Laura Turner	Rachel Lavende
Ricky Holaway	Ann Loraine
Patrick Sullivan	Alexander
Jennifer Berry	Michael Thomas
Amy Rieder	Heather Alteri
Lori Longhurst	Addison James
Brett Harrison	Chris Collinson
Kevin Duncan	
Sam Crutcher	
Kelly Reddick	

Abstaining
Jeannie Propst
or Adam West
Pete Westerholm
Chuck Jones
s Tara Burnette
Steve Neil

The proposal would have required a two-thirds majority, 17 votes, to pass. Only two senators changed their votes on the two amended versions of the proposal. The second proposal, to give \$1,100, was defeated 14 yes, 6 no and 5 abstaining. The third version, a proposal for \$750, was defeated 13 yes, 6 no and 6 abstaining.



Editorials

Allocation debate good for the SGA

A little debate is a good thing.

It is especially good if it focuses attention on how the SGA allocates money and other resources.

In a marathon meeting Monday night, the SGA debated the merits of giving \$1,125 to fifteen students to pay for their registration fees to a national conference.

The students are planning to attend the National Conference on Youth Ministry. The majority of the students are members of Sigma Pi Beta, a pre-professional organization for youth ministers and youth workers.

As explained in the story on page 1, the Senate was split on the decision. The majority was in favor of the proposal but not the two-thirds majority required to pass the motion.

The troubling aspect of the numbers though is how many senators abstained from the vote.

When six senators out of 25 abstain from any vote, it makes it nearly impossible to attain the 17 votes to make the two-thirds majority. You can't have a quarter of the Senate not vote on a proposal and expect it to pass.

It is important for a representative organization to actually represent its public. It doesn't matter on which side of the fence you come down. Just get off the fence. Make a conscientious decision and stick to it.

If other senators need examples how

this is done, take a look at Brett Harrison and Chris Collinson. The two senators hold diametricly opposite views on the issue. Their views on the principle of the issue-could harldy be farther apart. But that is their right under our freedom of expression. They both argued their stance and then stuck by their opinions regardless of how other senators voted.

Sam Crutcher is an example of a senator who obviously weighed both sides of the argument equally and came to a conclusion based on his perception of the issue. He may not have been 100 percent satisfied with every detail of the proposal, but he voted his conscience when the time came.

Now if the senators were abstaining because they did not feel they had adequate information to make an informed decision, that is respectable decision. A senator should never vote on legislation he or she doesn't fully understand.

The problem is, a motion to end discussion and vote on a proposal is brought before the Senate before the vote takes place. If a senator doesn't feel like he or she has enough information and needs to spend more time in discussion, then that senator should vote no to the motion to vote

In Monday's vote, the Senate unanimously voted to end discussion and vote on the proposal. Nobody voted no saying they needed more time to decide. Not one senator said they needed to discuss the issue more. Each of the six senators who later abstained from the vote on the proposal, first voted to end discussion.

Something is wrong there.

In one way, the defeat of the proposal is a definate plus. With the coverage of the event and the likelyhood that a revamped version of the proposal will appear before the Senate again Monday, senators have a chance to get the input and opinions of their student constituants on the matter. As representatives, they have a chance to vote the representative views of the students.

Every student who has an opinion on the matter should share that input. Call the SGA office at 1831 and tell the senators what you think. E-mail your senator or the officers at "SGA Officers."

In the future, maybe the SGA can learn from this and address the underlying issues. Is it fair to require senators to vote on a funding request ten minutes after they get the proposal? Or should they be provided the opportunity to research the proposal, gather input from the students and come back for an informed vote?

There should be no reason the senators can not meet Monday fully equipped to make an informed decision on the proposal. They have the time to address any questions they have. It is time to take hold of the responsibility they have as our representatives. If a senator abstains Monday from the vote, he or she should go ahead and abstain all the way off the SGA.

What was the point?

Monday's visit from Sen. Fred Thompson was certainly interesting.

It isn't every day that Lipscomb students get a chance to see a U.S. Senator. Nor is it every day that this paper gets a chance to report on our elected officials. And when was the last time that McQuiddy Gymnasium was standing room only?

But the question remains: What was the point in Thompson's visit?

While most students who went to the speech came away with some interesting memories, it is unlikely anyone came away awed, touched or truly motivated by what was said. While Lipscomb got some nice publicity in the local press, did Thompson's visit really impact the campus? Our classes were shortened and chapel was canceled. That's something.

If Thompson's visit was truly important, why did students not know about it until Monday morning? Surely the word could have gotten out before Thanksgiving that the senator was coming. With a little bit better advertising, maybe there would have been as many college students as

there were middle schoolers at the event.

And what are the criteria for determining who comes and speaks on campus? Since Thompson is a possible future presidential candidate, was this the prelude to the campaign trail? If so, can we get Ross Perot or maybe Jesse "The Body" Ventura? Can the students make suggestions who we would like to see come and speak?

Without a doubt, Thompson is one of the biggest names to recently speak on the Lipscomb campus. It would just have been nice to know why he was here.

Letters to the Editor

We need a good laugh

To the editor:

Top ten ways the Bible would be different if it were written by David Lipscomb University students!

- 10. Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning cold.
- 9. The Ten Commandments are actually only five, double-spaced, and written in a large font.
- 8. New edition every two years in order to limit reselling.
- 7. Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food.
- 6. Paul's letter to the Romans becomes Paul's e-mail to abuse@romans.

gov.

- 5. Reason Cain killed Abel: They were roommates.
- 4. The place where the end of the world occurs: Finals, not Armageddon.
- 3. Out go the mules, in come the mountain bikes.
- Reason why Moses and followers walked in desert for 40 years: They didn't' want to ask directions and look like freshmen.
- 1. Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.

Jenna Osborne

Letters to the Editor

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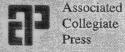
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Disrespect and disregard for the President

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, Calif. --Last month, Maj. Shane Sellers did something that we editorial writers do as second nature. He criticized the president in print.

In an article in the Navy Times, an independent newspaper, Sellers branded President Clinton "an adulterous liar" which would be a horrible accusation if it weren't true. But, sadly for the editorial writer in Sellers, he surrendered some rights when he enlisted to serve his coun-

Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits members of the armed forces from using "contemptuous words" to describe the president or other civilian leaders of the armed services.

First Amendment defenders take up arms, charging a violation of basic freedom of speech liberties. A man or woman in uniform, placing his or her life on the line for the good of the country, should have the same rights of self-expression as anyone else, they say.

But things are different in the military and must be, for the rest of us to continue to enjoy the basic freedoms that we take for granted.

The armed services was founded on civilian control. The alternative, in fact, is frightening. Imagine if the joint chiefs, fed up with the government, decided to stage a coup. The Secret Service is not going to stop an airborne bombing division.

So civilian leaders - even detestable ones like Clinton - must have the enlisted officers' respect, right down to the traditional, decorous salutes they give their uni-

If outright insubordination is allowed to go unpunished, or if military officers were free to ridicule the president and question his authority, they might soon come to question why they take orders from him at all. The next step on that road is a doozy.

Joining the military means surrendering many of the rights that civilians don't

Joining the military means surrendering many of the rights that civilians don't question. It's part of the bargain.

question. It's part of the bargain: you put your life on the line for our country - and, by the way, shut up about the president and we'll give you some fatigues. It's not the most fair of bargains, but it is necessary for the preservation of the constitutional foundation on which the rest of our liber-

Restricting enlisted officers from voicing their admittedly well-founded complaints about the president may not be in line with those worthy First Amendment tenets of freedom of speech and the articulation of truth, but restriction in the military is not a shocking idea. Recruits signing up for basic training know the deal from the start. Whether they have the right to express contempt for their superiors is not to be questioned; it is assumed.

All government employees, in fact, recognize from the start that they must deal with some checks on their constitutional liberties. Erstwhile Press Secretary Mike McCurry wouldn't have been at his podium for long if he said what he really thought about the president's dalliances. Civil servants are even prohibited from actively participating in political campaigns.

What is unfortunate is that we have a leader like President Clinton, who is of such poor moral fiber that even those who have knowingly enlisted to serve his cause have come to detest him. And it's not hard to understand why. Adultery in the military is a severe offense, and is dealt with accordingly. How ironic is it that officers under Clinton's command continue to face disciplinary action for reprehensible conduct akin to that modeled - on the world stage, no less - by their commander in chief?

Last week, Maj. Sellers finally got off with the equivalent of a stern reprimand from his commanding officer, but was not otherwise punished for his column.

But still, the pact remains. Regard for the constitutional imperative of civilian supremacy over the military has always prevailed, even when respect for the president may have been low. The tradition of the military's respect for its civilian commanders must not be compromised, even during the tenure of such an odious occupant of the high chair.

Shashank Bengali i a columnist with the Daily Trojan (U. Southern Califor-

The Spiritual Column Almost done

lights are on in Bison Square. Can the end of the semester be far away?

I'll let you in on a little secret. I can't wait for the school to be over. But of course, you probably



already knew that. You probably feel the same way yourself.

But while I am thinking about it, I wanted to take some time and share some thoughts on the past semester here at The Babbler.

It has been unlike anything I could have imagined. I thought I was prepared for the job, but did I ever learn.

This position really has a way of humbling an individual. You say I must be joking! But it is true. There is no better way to discover every one of your weaknesses than to take a leadership role. Suddenly, those things you thought you were best at fall by the wayside.

I never claimed that organization was one of my strong points. Matter of fact, I don't think I have been organized once in my life. Of course, being the editor of a college paper demands just a teeny bit of organizational skills.

And it seems like one weakness trickles down the line. Even some of my strengths are affected by my weaknesses.

I think I am a fair motivator and encourager. I have always prided myself in being able to give people the energy and excitement to accomplish things. But in this job, I have found that a lack of organization affects my ability to find and motivate those around me. I seem to be about three hours and seven projects short every day. I can't even seem to get this dagnabed paper out on time.

So why am I opening up like this? Do I need to subconsciously atone for my weaknesses in public forums? Am I trying to provide a case study to psychology majors out there?

I just want to let everyone know that I am too hard-headed to give up. I am going to get through all of my weaknesses. I take some of my inspiration from those individuals who are preparing to don caps and gowns to claim their long-awaited prize. These students will have persevered through several years of classes and pressures to earn that diploma.

It isn't too unlike our Christian walk. We are all faced with our weaknesses. Our strengths pale in comparison. It is a constant struggle to continue on the path. But the reward is well worth it. And while we can never hope to "earn" our ultimate reward, we press on to the goal.

Much like Pres. Flatt will greet each graduate and present him or her with the 'prize," so God is there ready to take our hand and present to us his gift.

Looking back on Homecoming week

BY JONATHON LING COLUMNIST

Greetings.

Let's take a look at the last few weeks, shall we? How many times have we threatened Iraq with military

strikes? How many times have we called them off because the UN interfered?

911 isn't a joke, the UN is. Now I am not one of those conspiracy theorists, but this is one organization with its hand in too many cookie jars. I am all for the US not paying the \$1 billion in back dues. I think that we have given more than enough. How many American troops have died in UN led exercises? Did you know that "Peacekeeping" isn't even in the UN Charter?

Look at the events in Iraq. Saddam is just playing us. How naive can we be?

That is the problem. The US knows what is going on, the UN doesn't. If Kofi Annan didn't keep stepping in, this problem would have been solved five years ago. The minute Iraq gave us any trouble, we would have Saddam's stuffed carcass hanging in the lobby of the Statue of Liberty. Doesn't that sound like a better idea?

Now there is all this complaining from the peaceniks that we are starving his country.

Yes we are, and it is a darn good idea. You see, if he lets us inspect, we take all his weapons and give his people food. If he doesn't let us inspect, the people will revolt (i.e. France, late 1700's), take all his weapons an we will give him food.

This is a wonderful plan, but the reason the UN doesn't let us carry it out is the same reason why it would work. The main reason the bombers got called back is because the UN sent the humanitarian workers back into the cities. We can't bomb the UN's peaceworkers even if it would solve our problems.

It is time to put two things in place. The UN needs to see that we are the last of the big boys. They would be nothing without our troops. The best bumper sticker I have ever seen is "Get the US out of the UN," That is the sentiment we should be clinging to. Here is my call to all you future public servants out there. Do something about this joke that takes our troops and our money, but still lets the bad guy

I can hear your arguments. "What about helping the starving countries and the oppressed minorities?" One: the US gives almost all the food to these countries, why not cut out the middle man? Two: who made us the world's police force? What about the starvation and oppression right here in America? There is gang war in the streets of our cities that needs to be stopped before we help the others. There are starving, freezing children right here in the nation's breadbasket. Do you see UN funds coming here to

On a personal note, as a member of the military, I swore an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States. I didn't say a word about allegiance to the UN. I will proudly join my many comrades in arms who have been court-martialed for refusing to wear the patch and helmet of a UN lackey.

On another note, I had a conversation with Michael Thomas last night. From here on out, I will refer to him as "The Man who has revived my faith in the SGA." He had a few things to say that I will summarize here. Yes, a water pipe was broken before the last bonfire, but it also rained for two days before the event, so muddy feet can't all be blamed on them. He also personally went out to pick up nails of the infield. I know that the SGA takes a lot of flak from everyone, especially me, but we have to give some of these reps credit.



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Exams are set for Dec. 12-17. Consult the schedule on page 3 for more times for specific exams. If you have any conflicts, be sure to contact both your professor and the Registrar's office to set up an alternate exam time.

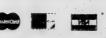
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Bisons and Lady Bisons well represented at NAIA national cross-country meet

Lady Bisons post respectable times

BY TIM LAVENDER
BABBLER CONTRIBUTOR

The Lady Bisons did not know what wild Wisconsin whether weather they would be facing come race day in Kenosha for the NAIA Cross-Country Nationals. Past national races had offered everything from a "warm" fifty degrees to 9 inches of snow. While it may make for a great story to tell the grandkids, a snow-laden course loses it hype once your toes become ice blocks. So the ladies were thankful to see a green course, despite the chilly 40 degree weather.

Over 300 runners came from around the country and parts of Canada to battle in the Grand Finale of the season. As the race got under way, the thunder caused by the massive sea of humanity was almost as loud deafening as the cannon shot that started it.

The four ladies representing Lipscomb were Caroline Nelson, Brittainy Burton, Mari-etta Mahaffey, and Sarah Lavender. The ladies ran tough and finished respectably in the stacked competition. Burton crossed the line in a time of 21:55 followed by Nelson at 22:16. Mahaffey and Lavender completed the package with times of 22:47 and 23:58 respectively.

Lavender really enjoyed the season and is ready for next year.

"It was an honor to run with this great team. It was a lot of hard work, but it was well worth it. The season was exciting and filled with great memories. I can't wait to run with them again next year!"

Lavender posts personal record in last race of career

BY CHARA PATTERSON STAFF WRITER

On November 21, four men from Lipscomb's team traveled to Wisconsin to run with the nation's top runners in the NAIA national meet.

To qualify for the national meet, they had to finish in the top five at the TranSouth Conference Meet. Tim Lavender, David Scott, Jeff Swindell, and Dan Turner did just that.

"Anytime an athlete qualifies for national competition, it is an accomplishment, I am proud of the runners who qualified," said coach Lynn Griffith

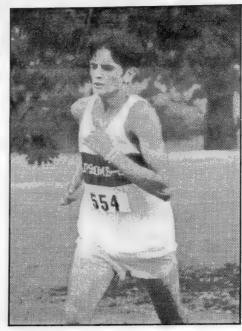
The NAIA National meet in Wisonsin was not an average meet. The temperature was peaking at about 40 degrees. The meet was larger with over 300 of the nation's best runners. The top notch competition made the pace much quicker than any other race.

Every cross-country runner knows that being able to run in a national meet is an honor. It is what they work towards and train for all year. The Bisons proved that they deserved to run in the NAIA Nationals.

Tim Lavender finished first for the Bisons with a personal record of 27:57.

"I knew it would be my last chance to run for Lipscomb and I had to give it my all," Lavender said.

Lavender ran for four years at Lipscomb. He left his mark by achieving NAIA National Meet.



FILE PHOTO

Bison runner Tim Lavender heads toward the finish line in a race earlier this year.

many goals and overcoming many obstacles.

Jeff Swindell also ran his last meet for hte Bisons in Wisconsin. He finished the five mile course in 28:28. Freshmen Dan Turner and David Scott came in shortly after Lavender and Swindell as they finished up their first year running Bison Cross Country.

Turner and Scott "have years of eligibility left and I think they learned about the work and attitude necessary to be a national caliber runner," Griffith said.

The Bisons had a pleasing season as they once again went all they way to the NAIA National Meet. ■

The Cheap Seats

BY TIM SMITH AND STEVEN TONEY COLUMNISTS

The turkey's all gone, all the relatives have gone back home, everyone's back at school, and it's the first of December. As the Christmas lights start to go up all over town, there's just one problem. It's ninety freakin' degrees outside! What's up with that? Come on! Christmas is getting close and so are exams. We need reasons to skip class and chapel, such as rain, snow, cold weather, etc. But anyway, back to sports. Just like everyone else on campus, we've gotten lazy this week. Instead of our normal column, we are taking the easy way out and just writing a short collection of Top 10 lists. Hey, if you were us, you would be doing the same thing, too.

Top 10 Reasons Why Ricky Williams **Deserves the Heisman**

10. His dreadlocks.

9. He's paying for his brother and sister to go to college.

8. While conditioning, he runs 40-yard dashes with a 30-pound weight vest on.

7. Because Troy O'Donohoe said so.

6. Because no one from Kansas State or Kentucky deserves it.5. No one else is anywhere near as good.

4. He bought his mom a house.

3. He can bench press 405 pounds.

2. He stayed for his senior year.

1. He broke Tony Dorsett's all-time rushing record.

Top 5 Reasons Why K- State is No Good5. The play teams like Baylor and Indiana State

4. They have only played one ranked team

(and they got lucky.)

3. Because Texas A & M is going to win this weekend.

2. They have the 68th toughest schedule.

1. They are a fluke!!!

Top 10 Reasons Why College Basketball Is Better Than the NBA

10. Pep bands sound better than electronic keyboards.

9. They actually full court press the whole game, not just the end.

8. College teams play together.

7. You can play any kind of defense.

6. College teams are based on coaches and players, while the NBA is based on how much money you make.

5. NBA is too greedy.

4. Dick Vitale or Magic Johnson? Who do you want to call the game?

3. NBA tickets cost twice as much.

2. Student sections beat out Spike Lee and Jack Nicholson any day.

1. College players don't go on strike.

Top 5 Things That Need to Be Worked On Here at Lipscomb

5. The Bell Tower (will it ring at the '99 graduation?)

4. The lights in Bison Square

3. The Cheap Seats

2. Parking lots

1. Two Words: High Rise

Yes, we know that last one was kind of random and had no connection with sports, but we thought that it needed to be brought to the attention of the people at this institution. Anyway, everyone take it easy and remember not to study too much. That shouldn't be too hard.

Basketball teams ride hot streaks into weekend's Purity Bison Classic

BY MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

The Bisons are on a hot streak.

Undefeated this year, they are riding a nine-game winning streak as they prepare for the Purity Bison Classic that starts today.

Tonight the Bisons will take on Piedmont at 8 p.m.

Junior guard Antrone Rogers is the Bisons' leading scorer this year, averaging 17 points per game. Rogers is one of four Bisons averaging double figures. Center Clancy Hall averages 13 points a game, while Kyle Stephens and Allen Sharpe 11 and 10 points respectively. Redshirt freshman Jomo Dopwell leads the way in rebounding, averaging six a game.

Currently Bison head coach Don Meyer has 688 wins under his belt. He is game by game getting closer to that magical mark of seven hundred wins for a career. Meyer's coaching career has spanned 23 years. During his tenure he has maintained a .765 winning percentage with 95 percent of his wins being in McQuiddy Gymnasium.

As of the December 1 poll, Meyer has lead the the Bisons to the number 9 ranking in the nation. Getting to this ranking the Bisons made one of the largest leaps from the preseason rankings. The preseason rankings had the Bisons at #17.

Coach Meyer is pleased with the way the Bisons are currently playing.

"We are really shooting the ball well right now," said Meyer. "We are playing hard on both ends of the floor and it's paying off."

On the other hand, although not undefeated, the Lady Bisons are holding their own with a record of 7-3 and a national ranking of ninth.

They also have a winning streak of their own. After starting the season at an inconsistent 3-3, the Lady Bisons have won their last four. They lost their first game, won their second, lost their third, won their fourth and fifth, and lost their

sixth.

Even with three losses, the Lady Bison program is till deemed strong enough to warrant a #9 ranking in the nation.

The wins that the Lady Bisons have recently compiled inleude big wins over then #6 Campbellsville and #16 North Georgia.

So far this season, the Lady Bisons have been getting consistent scoring production from Junior Anna Moss and Sophomore Rachel Stark. Each is averaging double figures.

The contributions by these young stars set the stage for many more successful years for the Lady Bisons.

Coming up soon the Lady Bisons have two big games against teams currently ranked in the top 10 in the nation: #8 Auburn-Montgomery and #1 Southern Nazerene. Next week's *Babbler* will take an in depth look at the Lady Bisons and these two games.

In the Classic, the Lady Bisons play Michigan-Dearborn at 6 p.m. tonight.

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Jonathan Ling takes an interesting look back at 1998. You can read his Year-in-Review on page 7.

Look for a Bell Tower update next week.

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Radio station finds new home in Student Center

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

Exciting changes are coming to Lipscomb's radio station.

One big change will be location. The station is currently in Burton but after the change, it will be in the Student Center.

"I anticipate a much higher profile due to the fact that the station will be in the Student Center," said Assistant Vice-President and dean of students, Scott McDowell.

The station will also broadcast over the Internet through Alliance Software.

Another important change will be who controls it. This position is currently held by Bill Proctor, but will be taken over by McDowell, Brad Ward, and the SGA, who have funded the project.

"I hope they're successful," said Proctor.

The radio station now has about ten d.j.s, who each play their own favorite music. The future radio station will also allow the d.j.s to pick their own music and SGA senator Chuck Jones is planning to hold a meeting for prospective d.j.s. The meeting is not yet scheduled.

Jones has high hopes for the station.

"I hope to make the radio station a reliable center for student expression," he said. Ward also expressed his excitement for

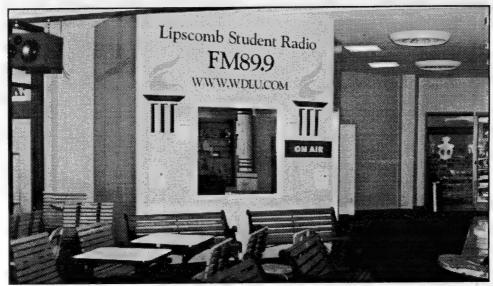


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The new Lipscomb radio station will broadcast from this site in the Student Center.

the project.

"I'm very excited about the possibilities for the station. I think it will be a great experience for our students as well as excellent publicity for the school," he said.

According to Ward the station will be run by computer. The software was purchased recently and the speech department is considering purchasing a copy for them-

McDowell is going to be supervising the new station.

new station.
"It's an exciting opportunity to work

with and have Chuck Jones involved just because of his giftedness and his passion for this project," he said.

SGA president, Matthew McInteer said, "It will open up a lot more opportunity to have a little more entertainment on campus as well as open the opportunity to have our parents in this country and around the world hear what's going on via the radio and news entertainment via the Internet."

The radio station may be open as early as February 1. ■

107 years later, staying true to Uncle Dave's dream

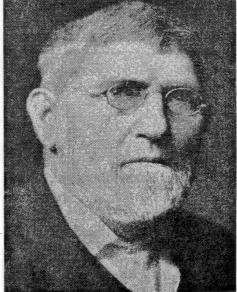
By KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

Today marks the 168th anniversary of the birth of David Lipscomb, the founder of Lipscomb University and one of the most influential figures in the American Restoration Movement.

Known for his short cropped beard and often awkward mannerisms, Lipscomb was a preacher, a writer, an editor and a farmer. In a 1976 Nashville Banner poll of outstanding Tennesseans, Lipscomb ranked higher than any other religious leader in Tennessee's history.

Perhaps on one of his earlier birthdays, "Uncle Dave" blew out his candles and wished to establish a school where young people could learn the Bible as well as gain a general education. The Lipscomb University of today is the legacy of Lipscomb's goals and ideals.

He was sixty years old when the Nashville Bible School opened in 1891, and Lipscomb himself was on staff as one of the three teachers. From the beginning with only nine male students, Lipscomb's legacy has seen the turn of a century, two world wars, and countless other changes --including the establishment of David Lip-



David Lipscomb

scomb College and, more recently, David Lipscomb University.

According to President Steve Flatt, however, the Lipscomb University of today remains true to her founder's original

"Lipscomb did not believe in preachers spoon feeding illiterate people their faith," Flatt said in Alumni chapel.

While technology and modes of teaching have obviously changed, Flatt still believes in helping individuals to become "enthusiastic life-long disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Faith Centered Learning Center that Flatt plans to have in place by the fall will be yet another vehicle for accomplishing that goal. The objective of the process, said Flatt, is to "teach students so that their faith can and should be a part of everything they do in their lives.

"That aim, through the daily teaching of the Bible, is as alive today as it was then."

So, the words that Elisha G. Sewell, Lipscomb's friend and co-editor of *The Gospel Advocate* for 47 years, spoke at his funeral in 1917 still hold true today.

"He has lived a faithful Christian life, and his life and life work will go on,"said Sewell. "That will not die...his life work will go on and on for years to come."

Indeed, the impact of David Lipscomb's goals and ideals -- and maybe even his birthday wishes-- is felt today by each student and faculty member at the university that bears his name.

So, happy birthday, Uncle Dave. And thanks for everything. ■

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Computer Center upgrades Mac lab over break

By Jay Rowe STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb University's computer center upgraded the Macintosh lab over Christmas break.

"The Mac servers and associated administrative software have been reorganized to reduce dependence on Eeyore and Tigger and eliminate unnecessary network use," said Macintosh/PC manager Ben Andrick. "This allows for faster, more reliable load times and logons."

Some of the improvements include the following:

- Internal Zip disk drives
- QuarkExpress 4.0
- PageMaker 6.5
- A memory upgrade to 64 megabytes

The Zip drives can be used to store much more memory than with a regular 3 1/2 inch floppy. This is very useful when working on large projects that include graphics and require a lot of memory space.

"A regular floppy disk holds about 1.4 megabytes, whereas a Zip disk holds up to 100," Andrick said. "So a Zip disk can hold roughly 70 to 75 disks worth of information."

The QuarkExpress 4.0 and PageMaker 6.5 programs will allow students to work with the most current desktop publishing software.

The upgrade in memory was a necessity as well as a betterment of the system. "You really need 64 megabytes of memory to run the graphics programs we installed," said Andrick.

The student body can benefit immensely from the changes made to the system. With the new improvements, a certain freedom is granted to the Mac lab.

"Under this system, both Tigger and Eeyore can be completely down and the Macs can still logon and use all programs and resources short of network drives," said Andrick.

The Mac lab is located in room 157 of the computer center under the library.

Your World at a Glance

International

Jordan's King Hussein returned to Amman on Tuesday after a six month absence. Hussein has been in the United States undergoing treatment for cancer.

A member of the International Olympic Committee, Pirjo Haeggman, from Finland resigned Tuesday due to questions about her role in the Olympic bribery scandal.

A United Nations peacekeeping mission in Angola prepared to withdraw on Tuesday due to the renewal of the country's civil war. The Angolan government announced it will begin to crack down on young men dodging the draft, urging them to register for the military or face arrest.

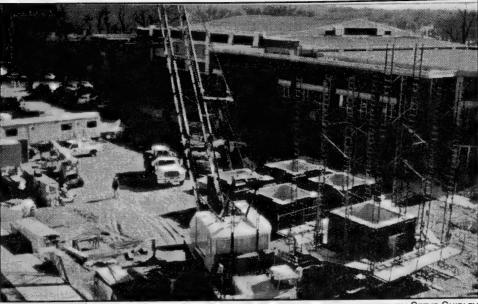
NATO issued a warning against Yugoslav President Slobodam Milosevic on Tuesday urging him to withdraw Serb forces from Kosovo.

National

President Clinton gave his annual State of the Union address Tuesday night. In the speech he described his plans to reform Social Security and Medicare. Clinton also announced his plans to create new retirement plans for American workers.

Public schools in Albuquerque announced that they will add days to Christmas break in 1999 in case of any Y2K problems that might arise. School systems in St. Paul, San Antonio, Dallas and Philadelphia are also considering adding extra days.

President Clinton's defense began in the Senate on Tuesday. White House counsel Charles Ruff declared that Clinton is innocent of the charges brought against him by the House of Representatives.



Construction of the Allen Bell Tower is just beginning in this picture. At the present time, work is approximately 60 percent complete on the project. You will be able to read a special construction update in next week's Babbler.

Tornadoes blew through much of Western and Middle Tennessee Sunday night resulting in seven deaths and many injuries. The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has records of damage in 28 counties with 12 of the counties listed as federal disaster areas.

The FBI will now help in the search for Jerrod Deshawn Love, a 13-year-old boy, who has been missing for several days. Authorities fear that the boy is with convicted child rapist Timothy Young.

Science

Some members of the International Astronomical Union are calling for the planet Pluto to be reclassified as a "minor planet." If successful Pluto would be renamed.

Despite its recent legal problems, Microsoft Corp. announced a 75-percent increase in fiscal second-quarter profits on Tuesday.

Excite, one of the most visited sites on the World Wide Web, is being bought by the Internet provider At Home in the biggest Internet acquisition ever. At Home will pay an estimated \$6.7 billion in stock.

Entertainment

Trisha Yearwood was surprised with an invitation to join the Grand Old Opry while performing at the Ryman on Saturday night. Yearwood will be inducted on March 13.

Sports

Many Vols fans have yet to come down from the euphoria of winning the national championship in college football. Tennessee defeated the Florida State Seminoles 23-16 to win its first national title in

The NBA delayed the start of its training camps once again on Tuesday while lawyers for owners and players argued over the fine print of their recent agreement. The training camps are now scheduled to begin on Thursday.

The Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons will play in this year's Super Bowl on January 31. Denver beat the New York Jets on Sunday to take home the AFC championship title for the second year in a row. Atlanta beat out Minnesota for the NFC championship title, giving the franchise its first trip to the Super Bowl.

The Nashville Predators beat Vancouver 4-1 Tuesday night at the Nashville Arena. The Predators outshot the Canucks 38-19 while Mike Dunham made his return to goal after sitting out more than three weeks with a strained groin muscle.

The Chicago Bulls are quickly dismantling the team that won the last three NBA titles. Michael Jordan officially announced his retirement last week. Scottie Pippen was traded to the Houston Rockets. Dennis Rodman denied reports of his retirement on Tuesday. Rodman said he does not plan to play this season but is not leaving the game for good. That leaves Steve Kerr as the "marquee" name for the defending

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Auburn group reprimands editor of Auburn U. newspaper

(U-WIRE) AUBURN, Ala. -- Auburn's Board of Student Communications, acting as "publisher" of The Auburn Plainsman, publically reprimanded editor Lee Davidson for "unnecessary and inappropriate"

But Student Press Law Center representative Mark Goodman disputes the legality of both the Board's actions and authority

"Taking any type of punitive action against a student-press editor -- both the Board and University are bringing serious legal implications on themselves," Goodman said.

Federal courts have consistently ruled

school officials are constitutionally prohibited from firing or reprimanding a paper can or cannot do. We're ing, commustudent journ a l i s t s the chief group in charge -- the department because of disagreeing publisher." viewpoints expressed in materials the student publishes.

The resolution's authors, Asim Masood, Will Stegall and Ching-Wei Tzeng, cite official Plainsman policy violations as the reason behind the punitive measures.

"It's not like some outside group making a law about what a paper can or cannot do," Masood said. "We're the chief group

in charge -- the publisher.'

Goodman said despite policy violations (of which Davidson denies and faculty board members labeled "vague") the board does not have the same power as commercial publishers.

In Bazaar v. Fortune (1973), a federal court declared a public state institution to be an arm of the state, distinguishing it from private publishers as far as censorship rights are concerned.

Tzeng said the Comm Board is an example of the internal hierarchy in a university. Within the seven duties listed in the Tiger Cub, is the validation for the board's "governing" role, he said.

Before "It's not like some outside voting on the resolution at group making a law about what last Thursnications head Mary Helen Brown distributed Asim Masood copies of the First Amend-

Addressing Tzeng, Stegall and Masood during the issue's debate, Brown said, "So what you're saying is you want a Communist-like state newspaper?"

Masood replied the resolution was not meant to tell Davidson what not to say, but was telling her to "be tactful and be care-

The three began examining Plainsman policy for any committed wrongdoing

when "the Lowder issue continued to crowd after we felt the been dropped, said Tzeng.

The Law of Press states "the motivation of themselves' the censor will be crucial to determining if

there is a valid First Amendment claim."

Although the board's majority is SGAmember heavy, all deny the affiliation influenced their vote.

Maintaining his stance as an enforcer of Auburn's policies, Stegall, SGA president, alluded to a negative comment concerning SGA as his example of a broken

Addressing the University Senate Tuesday, Stegall said equal representation wasn't given to SGA when the organization and his performance were criticized in a Nov. 19 personal column.

Also included in the resolution were the authors' belief that news coverage of trustee Robert Lowder was handled irre-

Stegall, a senior finance major, denies the resolution was written in defense of Lowder, Colonial Bank founder and CEO,

but acknowledges a friendly acquaintanceship with him.

'Taking any type of puni- der," Stegall out other news tive action against a student- more than grastory should've press editor -- both the Board could call him and University are bringing Student serious legal implications on

Mark Goodman

"Mr. Lowsaid, "has been cious to me. I up on his cell phone at any time.

The resolution warned Davidson further violation would warrant "appropriate

action by the Board."

University President William V. Muse

may veto any Comm Board decision.

While Muse declined comment on his intentions, he offered his opinion as the recipient of much public criticism, good and bad.

'My observation has always been when the Plainsman reports on an issue, both sides are given ample opportunity and room to respond.

'I'm sensitive to the issues of freedom of the press and responsible reporting--I've seen balanced examples of both in the Plainsman," he said.

Muse said as for allegations of frontpage editorializing and lack of attempt to present all sides of the issue, "I think the blank (Robert Lowder) front was a dramatic way of demonstrating the attempt to do that, and the (non) response in return."



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Library looks to Millenium for on-line service improvements

BY CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Beaman Library is marching into the new millennium with a state-of-the-art on-line library system.

In an attempt to provide an on-line system that provides greater capabilities and is compatible with the campus network, library officials investigated new systems.

"The campus has converted to windowsbased systems and we were still on the VAX systems. Ours had not been updated in a long time. We were really at a standstill as far as what services we could offer on-line and were not able to move forward. Compared to other schools, we were fairly far behind," said Carolyn Wilson, associate librarian and acting director of library ser-

After a five-year process of evaluating on-line systems, Wilson said the package selected is Innovative Interfaces' INNOPAC Millenium.

"This system is considered to be one of the top in the market," said Wilson. "This is a web-based system, which is the way of the future. A number of other colleges and universities in the area are using it. This is a system that encompasses not only the university but the elementary, middle and high schools, too."

Wilson said it was important to find a system compatible with all four Lipscomb libraries. Through the new service, patrons may conduct on-line searches of all four Lipscomb system libraries. She said the campus school hopes to be on-line within the next year.

The Millennium system is a customized, integrated system that blends the library's public services, which includes circulations and records, and its technical services, including cataloging and acquisitions. This will be the first time all of these services will be automated, she said.

The cataloging and circulations systems are already available. The serials and

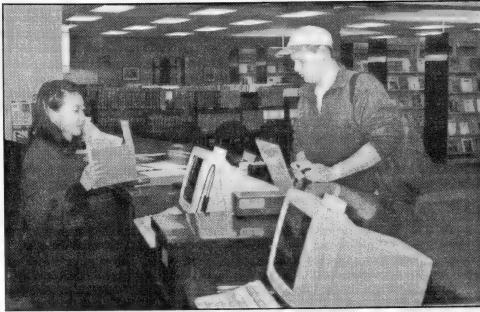


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Lu Shan checks out a book for a student in the library.

acquisitions features will be up by the start of the upcoming fall semester. At that time, patrons may search for periodicals on-line, but will still use InfoTrack to search for article abstracts.

Library patrons may access Lipscomb's system, known as "catacomb" (a combination of "catalog" and "Lipscomb"), through terminals located on-site or through the university's web page at www.Lipscomb.edu.

The library homepage on the Lipscomb site offers information about the library and provides access to Catacomb. Catacomb allows patrons to view their library

to check for faculty reserves by professor or by course, to search for materials by keyword, subject, title, author, Dewey Decimal call number or Library of Congress call number; and to link to other libraries.

Wilson said a major benefit of Catacomb is the link to nearly 20 colleges and universities in Middle Tennessee.

"At present there are 18 members of the

Nashville Area Library Alliance. These members include Vanderbilt, Austin Peay, MTSU and Cumberland. This Alliance has begun a program called Project Athena. As part of this project, all the members can link to each other's libraries through special software," said Wilson.

"An interlibrary loan system is in place and we have a courier system that runs between the member schools three times a week. This is the first time we've had access to Vanderbilt resources. To physically enter the Vandy main library, non-Vanderbilt students and faculty must purchase a library card. Through the computer link to their library, our patrons can check out their resources at no cost."

"This has come through a lot of sacrifice from many people," said Wilson. "We have lived with this day and night for months. It's something we wanted to do because we thought it necessary for doing the best job that we possibly can as a library. This new system puts us in line with really great libraries. That's where we want to be."

LU upgrades phone system

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

Over the Christmas Break the Lipscomb phone system underwent a major

The changes included more trunk lines to campus allowing more calls to come in. Also there will be pinpoint 911 service so that emergency services will be directed to the room of the caller. Currently the only information that is received is that the call has been made on campus.

Another advantage especially for the off-campus students will be more direct lines to faculty and staff so that calls made away from Lipscomb will not need to be routed by the receptionist. The changes will include the capacity for voice mail, although that exact management system has not been worked out.

One feature that should increase the systems reliability is that two fiber optic cables which were installed to facilitate calls. The cables will be monitored constantly so that the one with the best connection can be used. One will come from along Belmont and the other will come down Granny White so that if one cable goes down the other can serve as backup. Bell South is so confident that they've guaranteed that if the university looses service for a minute or more then that month's service is free.

The new system is compliments of the Computer Center, formerly ISS, who are planning to complete the switch at 4:30 PM. Richard Kulp is responsible for the committee in charge and says that if no unforeseen costs come up they will come in under the \$1.5 million budget.

Kulp is hopeful that the new system will be an improvement.

"I think this is a system that will greatly enhance the quality of life of the students and the people off-campus who try to contact them," he said.

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Landiss Series set to feature noted Ansav

BY CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An award-winning author will be the featured guest of tonight's Landis Series.

A. Manette Ansay will present a discussion of "Writing: Landscape and Character" at 7:30 tonight in Swang 108.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ansay, author of criticallyacclaimed novels Vinegar Hill and Sister, is a 1991 graduate of Cornell University's master of fine arts program.

A Nashvillian, Ansay has

also p u b lished a short story tion.

Read This and Tell Me What It Says, which won the American Writers short fiction prize, the 1995 Paterson Prize and the 1996 Great Lakes Book Award. Her other awards include a Pushcart Prize and a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

Ansay lives in Nashville with her husband and teaches in the master of fine arts program at Warren Wilson College.

Editorials

Remembering the legacy of MLK

effort to date in observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For the past several years the role Lipscomb plays in honoring Dr. King on the federal holiday has been a topic of much discussion. With many students complaining about the fact that Lipscomb does not dismiss classes in observance of the holiday and that the legacy of King is ignored, a schedule of special events was developed by the administration for this year's holiday

The schedule of events included different programs so that students would have multiple opportunities to participate. There was also an attempt to schedule the events

On Monday, Lipscomb made its best In addition to these considerations, each needed to hear. student received a flyer in the mail outlining the schedule of events days in advance so students could plan accordingly.

Despite these measures taken by the administration, the majority of students did not participate in the days events. Aside from the mandatory daily chapel, attendance was low at both the prayer closet and the "Remembering Slavery" program.

While it seemed many students had the time to get distressed over the lack of a day off from school, few found time to actually remember why Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is so important.

Dr. King's non-violent approach to reform allowed him speak out to a country

His dedication to the cause of freedom not only helped give African-Americans the rights and attention that all people deserve but also taught the entire country what it means to be free.

As students at a university grounded in Christian principles we should look forward to any chance we have to remember and pay respect to a man like King.

It is a shame to let the legacy of such an important figure in the history of our country get overlooked by many who simply don't see the issue. It isn't whether or not we have to go to class that matters but that instead we actually learn about and remember the causes that meant so much to

in need about an issue we desperately at times that were convenient for students. have a dream': may it live on

The following is an excerpt from King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

...I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsvlvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we

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Student Voices

What was your New Year's resolution?



Karen Salisbury

I resolved to quit making New Year's resolutions because I walways end up breaking them.



Jason Davidson

I resolved to direct the finest one-act play in Lipscomb history February 18-20.



Johanna Woollard

I resolved to memorize more scripture.



Joel Miller

To take better care of myself.

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(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa -- Imagine a State of the Union address where the President stands in front of the cameras and tells us the truth about this country. Would we turn our television sets off rather than hear all the facts and figures which suggest that life in these United States isn't as good as we want to believe it is?

Or would we watch the address more intently, looking for areas of the country's health that we can improve?

Americans used to be known for their belief in the power of the individual, the "one vote can make a difference" approach to civic duty. Do we still believe? Or are we finished with fighting back, complacent in our insular communities where everyone agrees to accept the much-publicized illusion of prosperity?

America is a good place, but we are not perfect. We have social problems that affect every single one of us, whether we talk about them or not.

If we never talk about the growing number of homeless people living on the streets of our cities, then we won't have to worry about them freezing to death when the wind chill factor prevents us from stepping outside of our heated homes.

But if we do talk about it, maybe we can discover the reasons for homelessness.

What goes wrong? If we can understand that, perhaps we can help. wider and wider. Political division, racial division, religious division; at the same

But if we continue to pretend the homeless don't exist, the problem of destitute men, women, and children living on the streets will only increase. How can we look away from mental illness and hunger and poverty?

Maybe we think we can't help others because we are in so much financial trouble ourselves. No one likes to talk about debt, but Americans are the kings and queens of debt.

Let's not talk about why the credit card companies are sending pre-approved credit cards to everyone, not just those who are good credit risks.

They know that those of us who are already debt-ridden are sure to use the credit offered: good for business, bad for Americans.

Getting out of debt can seem fairly hopeless for good reason. If we make the minimum payment on those credit cards, we will never pay off the balance (because we are paying 90-cents on the dollar toward interest and a dime toward paying off that debt). Thanks to our spending, the American economy is doing great.

Access to people is easier than ever, but the distances between us seem to grow

wider and wider. Political division, racial division, religious division; at the same time that voices cry out for an end to hate crimes in the name of Matthew Sheperd, other voices scream epithets in protest of gay marriages and carry signs reading, "God hates fags."

But we do escape. According to Reuters, Americans spent over \$71 million this week at 10 movies.

This figure doesn't include the rest of the movies that are showing in theaters across the country, nor the number of videos rented, nor the number of households that tuned in to cable movies.

Watching movies is one place where we can escape our lives for an hour or two. Others choose to drink or drug themselves into forgetfulness, to sleep both day and night, and to eat excessively, but it's all escape.

Monday the president told us that America is stronger than ever. The stock market is healthy and big business is happy.

The Republicans are even promising us a tax break over the next 10 years. And while they gleefully pursue a conviction in the Clinton trial, Hillary will do her best to hold her head up high and "stand by her man"

We watched Clinton's speech in record numbers. Everyone wanted to see if he would reveal his true feelings about the upcoming trial. But he remained calm, more collected than ever and Americans cheered the good news that our economy is on the upswing, the national debt is under control, Social Security is safe and more money will come back to us eventually.

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Frankly, I'd rather hear the truth. He doesn't need to sugar-coat the facts to make them more palatable. I'd rather know exactly where we stand: what's wrong and what can I do about it?

I believe most Americans want to know the truth and most of us want to do the right thing, if we only knew how.

No one likes knowing that there are people who need help, but we don't mind helping. None of us likes being in debt, but we don't know how to get out.

So instead of telling us everything is great, I hope President Clinton tells us the truth for a change. Remember those famous words, "The truth shall set you free."

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Looking back on 1998, looking ahead to 1999

BY JONATHON LING COLUMNIST

Well, I know that it is a little late, but here it is, 1998 in review. Now I know that there are a few issues that are just sticking out in your head like big



festering thumbs, but maybe you have forgotten a few of the things that have happened.

The year started out with the beginnings of the Asia crises. Basically, Asia in now broke, and will be forever.

Then a surprise announcement. Kenneth Starr had an informant named Linda Tripp, who in turn had tapes that linked the Clintons to every land deal from Whitewater to that time we bought Manhatten from the Indians for some beads. Oh, it also turns out that she had a friend named Monica, who had a few encounters with one William Jefferson Clinton.

Meanwhile, all of America, with the possible exception of Ted Kacynski and myself, flocked to the theaters to see Leonardo DiCaprio freeze to death to the delighted cheers of an audience already sick of him.

Speaking of the Unabomber, his trial began in California. He did the crime, and everybody knows it, and in the longstanding tradition dating back to John Hinkley, the court decided that the prosecution must prove that Kacynski was sane. Apparently being sane in now a federal offense.

January also saw the beginning of the rich guys in balloons invasion, the Clinton's new dog, and the greatest Super Bowl ever.

In February, West Coast homeowners,

tired of having their houses fall into the ocean every year, decided to build more houses on cliffs above the ocean.

Saddam started up again in his "I'll be good. No I won't. Yes I will. No I won't" routine. This distracts the estimated seven North American viewers of the Nagano Olympics. I think we won, but nobody really watched it, so nobody knows.

In unrelated news, Oprah's lawsuit in Texas wrapped up. In my personal opinion, Oprah needs to be taken off the air. Most housewives think that she is just below God in the importance of her saying.

March began with a meteor being detected that will strike earth in the year 2028. Scientist immediately got on the air to deny such a thing would happen, but then quickly got off the air in order to pack everything they hold dear into the giant earth escape pod.

The new VW Beetle was put on the market, immediately leading to the arrest of hundreds of nostalgic business men on drug charges. This event was immediately followed by the release of the most popular drug ever on the market, Viagra

April saw the dramatic conclusion of the tobacco lawsuit. However, all the money immediately disappeared into the lawyer underground to fund a revolution that will make sure that every lawyer in the country gets a chunk of the cash.

Once they received their cash, Paula Jones' lawyers backed out, and the case was eventually dismissed. Upon the wonderful news that there was now one less thing about Clinton on TV, the stack market rallied over 9000, a new record.

Riots in Indonesia, and Israel's 50th opened up May. Soon after, India began a series of nuclear tests. Fearing that their precious stockpile of human rights abuses might be stolen, Pakistan decided to con-

duct its own nuclear tests. To this day, nobody knows if they really happened (see Nagano Olympics).

At this time, the President revealed that there was a \$39 billion surplus. This led to an immediate halt in government proceedings, so a bipartisan congress could meet to figure out how to blow every last cent. But the bad thing was, at the time, congress was investigating human rights abuses by the IRS.

In sad news, two great entertainers, Frank Sinatra and Phil Hartman, died. But in happy news, all the hype about the last episode of Seinfeld died when the show went off the air.

The Supreme Court, convened in its summer home in Mexico, started off June with a bang by repealing the line item veto. That allowed legislation to be passed by congress that calls for the Bulls to once again win the NBA championship, without worrying about Clinton, a staunch Jazz fan, ruining everything.

July started with Texas setting records for number of people in silly hats walking around talking about how hot it is. Then the big one: 13 coworkers from Ohio bought the winning ticket to a \$295.7 million Powerball jackpot. They will each receive about 7 million after taxes.

One tragic event was the Capital shooting. As a member of the Armed Forces, and an aspiring U.S. Marshal, this event strikes me with some fear. Some of the people out there are just wack. Here is another call to all you future legislators. End these insanity pleas. I fear that this man will go free and strike again.

In August, Monica Lewinsky's testimony was released to the entire world. To quote Dave Barry of the Miami Herald, it makes me feel "as if we were all living in a giant, unflushed commode." By the way, good to see that there are other Barry fans

out there <g>.

I know that it took a lot of flak, and I question the motives behind the event, but Clinton, being possessed by the great spirit of Ronald Reagan, launches attacks against terrorist facilities in the east. I wish the media would realize that there were two targets, not just one.

October saw Tyson's return to the ring. Chilean Dictator Augusto Pinochet was arrested in England on a warrant from Spain. His trial is still pending. John Glenn was shot into space, and in the greatest event in the history of the United States, the NBA was delayed.

Jesse "The Body, The Brain" Ventura was elected to governor on Minnesota in November. I am a staunch conservative, but I admire a man who can say in a debate the he won't talk about a subject he doesn't know anything about. In international news, US bombers went after Saddam, only to be called back when a meddling Kofi Annan makes a deal with him (see Chamberlain prior to WWII).

Finally, in December, on the eve of an impeachment, we once again failed to take out Saddam, this time due to the fact that Clinton didn't have the guts to bomb the entire country back to the time of Noah.

Now we get a whole new year. A fresh start. A chance to live in peace and comfort. As a university, we need to pray for our leaders, the good and the bad. We need to pray for our fellow man, so that we will all be safe through this year. I know tragedies will come.

I know you are all wondering why I skipped September. The only thing that happened was Clinton's testimony. You don't want to hear about that.

In closing, remember that the world WILL end on 1-1-00 if we don't get Y2K fixed. ■

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The last day for 100% refund of tuition is Jan. 28.

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring the Gateway Getaway Feb. 5-7. Call Brett Harrison at ext. 1831 for more information.

The last day for 50% refund of tuition is Feb. 10.

The Lipscomb Artist Series presents Matti Raekallio Feb. 11 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Raekallio, pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

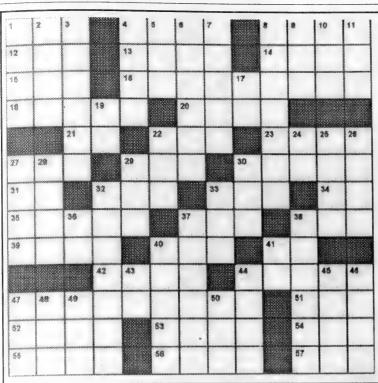
The Drama Department will present a series of one-act plays Feb. 18-20 in Arena Theater. The shows begin nightly at 7:30 and admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Brown at ext. 2367.

The Lipscomb University Jazz Band will present its winter concert Feb. 18 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The Lipscomb University Concert Band will present its winter concert Feb. 22 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The Red Cross will conduct its spring blood drive Feb. 23-25.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.



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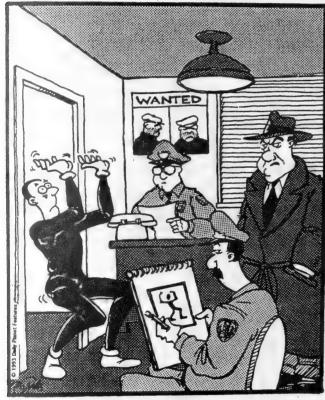
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CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"So, so far all we've got is that the suspect was tall, thin,

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In the "As Sold On TV" museum

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Lipscomb vs. Union





Games of the Week





true greatness.	Matt Baggett	"The Champ"	"Miss IU"	"I Lost to Kim"	Patrick Cameron
Miss. St. vs Kentucky	Kentucky Tough conference game. Cats need to be careful.	Kentucky Cats struggling but should beat 'Dogs	Kentucky As much as I hate to say it.	Blue Mist Wildkittens don't want to lose again at Rupp	Kentucky Kentucky big over Miss. St.
Tennessee vs. Florida	Tennessee Vols on the way back up.	Fla. Donavan has a strong team	Tennessee You gotta respect them; they handled the Wildcats.	Big Orange Two SEC road wins in row for Vols	Tenn. Vols in a mild upset
Georgia vs. Ole Miss	Georgia Smith gets revenge for his father.	Ole Miss Rebels looking good	Georgia I'm not an SEC fan, but that's my best guess.	Dawgs Jirsa has Georgia off and running	UGA Georgia all the way
Vandy vs. LSU	Vanderbilt 'Dores almost contender in their SEC division.	LSU Vandy weakening; Tigers have edge at home	Vandy I'm just trying to make friends.	Commadores This pick is for the Lee brothers	LSU Tigers big
Wisconsin vs. Iowa	Iowa Great game. Really could go either way.	Wisconsin Badgers playing well right now	Iowa They're tough to beat. Trust me. I know.	Hawkeyes Big Ten basketball bores me	Iowa Whoever wins is still over- rated
Minnesota vs. Ohio State	Ohio State Duh!	Minn. Go Gophers!!	Minnesota I'm holding a grudge against OSU.	Buckeyes Is Minnesota good in any sport	Minnesota Golden Gophers coast
Duke vs. St. John's	Duke They deserve to be number one.	Duke Blue Devil depth will be too much for St. John's	Duke No-brainer.	Blue Devils Coach K is a genius	Blue Devils Duke will win big
Michigan St. vs. Indiana	Indiana Despite his temper, Knight knows what he's doing.	Indiana Hoosiers will have upper hand at home	INDIANA ALL THE WAY, BABY!	Spartans How many chairs will Bobby throw?	Indiana Hoosiers finally wins a decent game
Lipscomb vs. Union	Lipscomb Bisons are a better team this time around.	Lipscomb Always an intense battle	Lipscomb Last time LU got whipped. Time for some revenge.	Bulldogs Meyer taught Ralphie too well	Bisons This will be a barn-burner
WOMEN Tennessee vs. Georgia	Tennessee One of many stops on the road to the Final Four.	UT The "Meeks" will stop Bull- dogs	Maybe I'm crazy, but they seem to have a decent team.	Lady Vols No SEC team can hang with Pat's troops	Lady Vols Tenn. continues roll towards four in a row
Lipscomb vs. Union	Lipscomb Lady Bisons on a major Hot Streak.	Lipscomb Will be a close game	Lipscomb It may be a close one, but they'll pull it out.	Lady Bulldogs The Lady Bisons won't give me quotes after this pick	Lady Bison Lipscomb by single digits

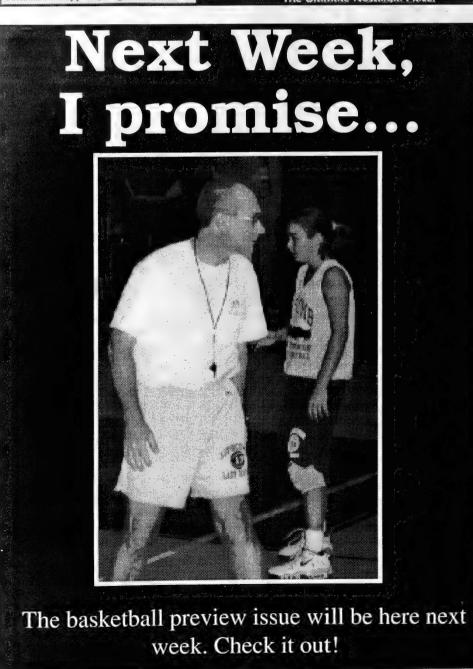
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Duke vs. St. John's	 All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 6pm Only one entry per contestant per week.
Michigan St. vs. Indiana	3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but will only be entered into final drawing one time.
Lipscomb vs. Union	4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
WOMEN	5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets
Tennessee vs. Georgia	to a Chaffin's Barn production. Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes

"I Beat The Babbler"

The sports department of The Babbler decided we wanted to sponsor a little contest. Your challenge is to out guess the "guest guesser" each week on the selected college and pro games of the week. If you do, your name will be included in next week's issue.

The top student contestant each week will win a free pizza and be entered into the end of semester drawing for two tickets to a Chaffin's Barn production.





Sports Commentary

Michael Jordan's legacy lives on in fans' hearts everywhere

9:02 a.m. Wednesday, the announcement everybody dreaded was made official.

"I am here to announce my retirement from the game of basketball."

Michael Jordan, the man who singlehandedly took the National Basketball Association to a level that was never seen by an American sport, will no longer be gracing arenas with his court presence.

His Airness has left the building.

At a time when the NBA needs No. 23 the most, his refusal to save a league that leaned on him like Tito and Jermaine leaned on another Michael is to be commended.

Jordan was the premiere reason to watch the NBA. Even young NBA hoopsters with a seemingly "me-only" attitude toward the game are paying homage to Michael. Baller and part-time thug Allen Iverson said, "I didn't want to play this game until I saw Michael

Since Jordan took the torch from Magic Johnson and Larry Bird and made it burn 10 times brighter, Mike has brought smiles to countless faces, including mine.

I never thought that I could like a basketball player more than Magic Johnson. Growing up in Los Angeles while "Showtime" was at its peak, Magic was the man who made the Lakers run. He was the reason I fell in love with basketball, and he was the reason that I watched the NBA.

But then Magic retired and Jordan replaced him. I take that back - he did more than replace Magic - he took the electricity of the game to a level reserved for papal visits. And he did it night after night in whatever arena he would play.

Watching Jordan play is something indescribable. It's like watching Mozart compose a symphony or Da Vinci creating a new work of art. Michael Jordan is the best ever at what he does. When God created Michael Jordan, he created the perfect basketball player.

From his days as a scrawny, quiet, Adidas-wearing hoopster at North Carolina University to a cigar puffing, effervescent yet ultra competitive dominator for the Bulls, Jordan was always the man.

His legend began when he sank the game-winning shot for the Tarheels to defeat Georgetown and win a national title.

His career came to a close in the same fashion - hitting the game-winning shot in game six of the NBA Finals against the Utah Jazz last spring.

Jordan was always doing everything that could be done on a basketball court. He retires as the third-leading scorer in the history of the league. He had 10 scoring titles, five most valuable player awards, 11 all-star appearances, nine all-defensive first team appearances, and most importantly, six national titles. No other player has a resume with half of the accolades that Jordan earned.

The knock on Jordan as a youngster was that he was a ball-hog, a selfish player who could not win titles by himself. After leading the league in scoring as a rookie, he poured in 63 points in a playoff game against the Larry Bird-led Celtics in the 1985-86 playoffs. The Bulls, however, lost and the critics said that he took too many shots. For the next four

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, Calif. -- At years, the league belonged to Los Angeles, Boston and Detroit.

> But as soon as the Bad Boy Piston era culminated, Jordan learned that his amazing physical game needed to be complemented by some sort of mental edge. He came into the 1990-91 season with a more team-oriented concept and soared by the Lakers' A.C. Green and Sam Perkins, switching hands in the air, and laying in one of the most memorable shots in history, picking up a ring and a leg-

What Jordan was also picking up was the hopes and dreams of fans across the world. With the help of Nike, Gatorade, Hanes, Hebrew National, Rayovac, McDonald's and numerous other companies, Michael Jordan was quickly becoming the most famous man in the world. And he handled it with grace and dignity. He could easily have resented the constant attention and harassment he received, but he chose not to. He epitomized the way that an athlete should handle himself.

Michael Jordan earned in excess of \$47 million in 1998 from endorsements and Forbes estimated that he has been worth \$10 billion to the world economy since the beginning of his playing career. Through it all, Jordan has been classy and accessible to the pub-

Perhaps the only thing he didn't dominate in his tremendous career occurred when he first retired in 1994. He decided to do something that he hadn't done in 15 years - play baseball. And he decided to do it on a profes-

Though many in the media and on the sidelines thought it was a complete joke, he succeeded. Imagine not doing something for half of your life and not completely falling on your face. Jordan finished with a batting average over .200, which is amazing considering that hitting a pitched ball is the hardest thing to do in all of sports. He even added a few home runs and a handful of stolen bases.

But when No. 45 came back to the Bulls for a late season run once the players' strike quelled his quest for the major leagues, he smoked the Knicks and Spike Lee like a Cuban stogie. He scored 55 points in the most historic spot in the league. And though he couldn't lead the Bulls to a title that year, he proved that he will always be the greatest player to lace up a pair of sneakers.

For all of the kids wearing the Jordan jerseys and the Jordan sneakers from the San Fernando Valley to Shanghai, Michael Jordan was the reason to play basketball. He was the modern day knight in shining armor.

I will miss No. 23. I will miss the highflying, slam dunking, tongue wagging Mike of the late '80s. I will miss the savvy, trashtalking, pure shooting, slashing Michael of the mid-'90s. I'll even miss the commercials.

But more than anything, I will miss the way that when Jordan and the Bulls were on TV, people all over would stop and become fans, if only for that instant.

Jordan brought people from all walks of life together for a common cause, invoking a passion for hoops inside everybody.

Evan Lovett is a colunist for the UCLA Daily Bruin.

Lady Bisons look to continue streak at Union

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

The Lady Bisons are on a serious roll.

After starting out the season 3-3 and battling consistency problems, the team has rattled off 13 victories in their last 14 games and has won seven in a row.

In those fourteen games, the Lady Bisons have defeated five ranked teams including number one ranked Southern Nazerene and seventh ranked Oklahoma Baptist. The Lady Bison's only loss during that stretch came against ninth ranked Auburn-Montgomery.

The Lady Bisons are now ranked fifth in the nation.

Frank Bennett, coach of the Lady Bisons, attributes much of the success to some of the new players learning the sys-

"We have a young team and it took many of the players a little time to learn our offense," Bennett said. "But I think this team has improved as much as any team we've had from the beginning of the season to this point."

Bennett said that the team still has to improve its consistency, especially on offense.

While some teams shy away from a

tough early season schedule, especially with so many new faces to the team, April St. John, Lady Bison assistant coach said the team has embraced the challenge.

"I think it has made us better," she said. "We have seen a lot of different types of teams and it has helped us prepare for March."

Preparing for March is what this team is all about.

"We want to focus on getting better every game with a focus on March," Bennett said. "That is when you want to be playing your best basketball."

While March may be the ultimate focus of any basketball team, the Lady Bisons are clearly focused on tonight's game against the fourth ranked Union Lady Bulldogs.

"In the Tran-South, you usually have to go through Union to win the championship," Bennett said. "They aren't going to lose too many. They will have a big crowd, probably one of the biggest we'll play in front of.

"We have to focus on the court and not on the crowd. We have to play under control, focus on our inside game and play good defense. If we do all those things, I

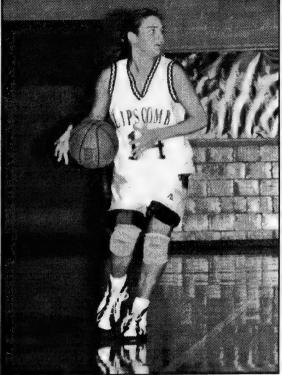


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Brittany Allen brings the ball up court in a recent

think we have a good chance at winning the game."

And for Lady Bison fans, there are few victories sweeter than ones at Union.

Bisons win three big games over break

BY KRISTA BRANTLY STAFF WRITER

The Bison's three-game losing streak against Freed-Hardeman came to a screeching halt Jan. 11 in Henderson. It appeared that the Bison were going to drop their fourth straight against the rival Lions, as Freed was at the free throw line with a two point lead and 17 seconds on the clock. Mire Chatman missed two free throws but the Bison were unable to capitalize. Lipscomb missed a shot and was forced to foul Jason Havlik with 6.7 seconds to go.

It looked bleak, but the key jingling by the Freed fans was premature. Havlik missed both free shots and Jomo Dopwell grabbed the rebound and passed off to Allen Sharpe. Sharpe dribbled down the court and nailed a 30-footer just before the buzzer to give Lipscomb the 80-79 win.

The Bison are now back on track in the series with Freed-Hardeman, winning 26 of the last 29 meetings. Antrone Rogers led all scorers with 27 points. Sharp finished with 16, and Bryan Farmer tossed in 11.

for the rest of the week. The grammatically-correct Bison hosted Lyon College from Batesville, AR on Thursday the 14th. The Scots came to McQuiddy 1-0 in the conference and 7-8 overall. They left 1-1, as Lipscomb triumphed against the visitors 68-51.

The Bison started off strong in the first half. Rogers hit two quick threes at the 13 minute mark to put the Bison ahead by 12. Lipscomb maintained at least a nine point

lead throughout the half and led 34-24 at the break.

The Scots were far from finished, however. Lipscomb went scoreless in the first 4:15 of the second half, allowing Lyon a 10-0 run to tie up the game. Greg Watson then hit a three-pointer to end the drought and ignite a small run by the Bison. From then on, the Scots struggled, going more than seven minutes without a field goal. Lipscomb responded with excellent shooting to build the lead to as much as 22 points.

Rogers lit up the floor to lead all scorers with 21 points, and Clancy Hall added 13 points and five monster blocks. The Bison hit 21 of 37 field goals (57%) and 6 of 16 three-pointers (38%). They also surpassed the Scots on the boards (LU 36,

The Bison finished out the victorious week on Saturday when they welcomed the Williams Baptist Eagles (0-1 conference, 7-8 overall) to McQuiddy. The somewhat slow start in the first half didn't have an adverse effect on the final score, as the Bison crushed the Eagles 102 -68.

Rogers began the game with a 15-foot The win against the Lions set the tone jumper, and although the lead grew slowly at first the Bison never trailed. They led by as many as 29 in the first half, a result of the combination of their excellent shooting and some Williams Baptist dry spells. The Eagles went almost five minutes without a field goal and then suffered a 24-7 run by Lipscomb. The run began with a drive by Chris Childress and was fueled with a steal by Dopwell. Dopwell passed to Watson who fed the ball back to Jomo for a powerful dunk. Bison offense

hit an astounding 72% of their shots in the half, putting Lipscomb on top by 26 at the pause.

The second half started out a little rocky as the Eagles hit a quick two and the Bison committed two consecutive turnovers and missed three try. But Lipscomb regained control on a Sharpe threepointer and the lead never fell below 20. The Eagles had another six minute drought, further increasing Lipscomb's lead. David Hunt, Childress and Watson all hit threes in the last five minutes of the game to put on the exclamation mark and bring the final margin to 34 points.

Watson had an impressive career-high 11 assists. Adam Sonn turned in an excellent performance, leading all scorers with 18 points. Hall and Dopwell each tossed in 11 points. Also in double figures were Childress, 14; Sharpe, 10 and Rogers, 10. Rogers, who needs only 12 points to reach the 1000-point mark in his career at Lipscomb, also dished out five assists.

The Lipscomb bench almost outscored the entire Eagles team, scoring 64 points compared to only 26 by the opponents' bench. The Bison out-rebounded their opponents 35-27. LU had an excellent night from the floor, connecting on 68% of their field goals and hitting 42% from behind the arc.

The Bison, boasting records of 3-0 in the conference and 17-3 on the season, head to Jackson today to meet the rival Union Bulldogs at 8:00, following the Lady Bison's game at 6:00. Saturday they will play host to Bethel College in McQuiddy at 7:30. ■

The Sports Column

NBA returns, loses big time

My goodness, it's about time the NBA started to play ball. I realize that the players wanted to make sure that salaries will continue to increase, but they need to consider who the real losers are in the situation. I've said it



MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

before and I will say it again, the fans are the biggest loser in this whole situation.

Professional sports were created to provide entertainment for the non-athletes. Sure, the athletes have to enjoy it as well, but the original purpose was to provide entertainment to the fan. It has just made me sick to listen to the things that the negotiators were quibbling over.

Most prominently, the salary cap. As if they can't already live off the money they are making. Sure they deserve to make a great deal of money, but my goodness, it can't hurt them much to take a small cut in pay when their current salaries are in the hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars a year.

The thing that bugs me the most about the whole situation is that it could possibly have been resolved long before it was. The fact that the players so overwhelmingly approved the agreement shows how ready they were to play. It is quite possible that the players would have approved one of the offers that Players' Union director Billy Hunter turned down.

The real loss for the league, however, is the loss of the greatest player in the history of the game. Michael Jordan retired from professional basketball for a myriad of reasons, not the least of which was the lockout. He said from the beginning of the lockout, once an agreement was reached, he would take a good look at it and decide whether or not he would return to basket-

I understand completely why he decided top retire when he did. It is practically impossible for a professional basketball player to go out any more on top than MJ did. The last shot of his career was a jump shot to win another championship for the Chicago Bulls in the 90s. The man has single-handedly led his team to six championships in the last seven years.

Now, just like Major League Baseball had to do four years ago, the NBA is going to have to start onto the long, hard road back to national prominence. It is likely that it will take longer for the NBA because baseball just received the assistance of the most amazing season in its history. It will be harder to find something equivalent to the McGwire-Sosa match up, the outstanding season of rookies like Kerry Wood, etc.

I don't care what people say, everybody lost big in this lockout.

Your World at a Glance

Security Report

Coming Events

Singarama

games

Op/Ed

Sports

This years production titled "Singarama... its all fun and games" will be held

March 4-5. The hosts and hostesses for this year will be Phillip Denny, Matt Chance, Angela Long and Mandi Shannon.

"I remember watching Singarama when I was growing up," said Shannon. "I have always loved to perform and think being a hostess is something I will really enjoy."

As usual, Singarama will again be composed of three individual shows. The titles for this year's shows are "Let's Make a Deal", "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud".

"Let's Make a Deal" will be directed by Amy Pike. Students from Sigma Iota Delta, Sigma Chi Delta, Phi Sigma, Delta Delta and Zeta Nu will comprise this group.

"I am really excited about Singarama because I think it will be a blast," said Pike. "I know it is a lot of hard work, but in the end it will be worth it."

Adam West will direct "The Price is Right", which will feature students from Gamma Xi, Tau Phi, Delta Sigma and Gamma Lambda.

The third show, "Family Feud", will be directed by Kent Messner. Delta Tau, Delta Nu, Omega Nu, Pi Delta and Kappa Chi will participate in this group.

Each show will also feature students who do not belong to a specific social

"One of my main goals for Singarama each year is to have more independents involved," said Sarah Keith Gamble, associate dean of campus life. "I think Singarama provides students with a great opportunity to get to know each other by working together."

In addition to the hosts, hostesses and directors there are also two student coordinators for Singarama. This year Jeannie Propst and Michael Thomas will serve in this role.

The student coordinators work with Gamble to organize the production.

With the framework now in place the countdown to Singarama 1999 has officially begun.

the details on page 3. Volume 78, Number 15

While crime may be

down at Lipscomb, the

administration is taking an aggressive look at

security procedures for

the campus. Check out

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Security advises registering bikes, valuables

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb Security is encouraging all students to take extra precautions to secure valuables after a rash of bike thefts last

According to Jim Goode, director of campus security, several simple steps might have deterred the thefts.

" We had six bikes stolen from around High Rise last semester," Goode said. "Some weren't even locked or chained up. That is the most basic preventative measure. But beyond that, we would like to see students register their bikes and other valuables with security to aid in any recovery process."

Goode explained that just like a home or car alarm, a registration sticker or serial number etched into an item will often deter a thief from stealing that particular item. A registration or serial number also makes it much easier to identify stolen items if they

Several residents of High Rise found out just how difficult it is to claim stolen items once they are recovered.

According to Goode, once the police caught the thieves and recovered numerous stolen bikes, there was no way for officers to return the stolen property due to a lack of any kind of identification.

Sgt. Shawn Parris of the Metro Police Department Crime Prevention Division explained that hundreds of bikes and other valuables are sold each year because the owners of the items could not be tracked

"If people would take a little time to register their valuables, we would be able to return their items once they show up.,' he said. "It is important to record the serial and registration numbers and keep them in



Bikes like these in front of High Rise were the target of bike thieves before the Christmas

a safe place. That way if the bike shows up, we can run the serial number and contact

Goode would like to implement a registration process here at Lipscomb.

"What we would like to see happen is that the SGA would help our department register student bikes and valuables using stickers or registration numbers," Goode said. "That way, when the item is recovered by the police or at a pawn shop, we will then have a way to get the item back to

Goode said security needs the SGA's help due to a lack of resources within his department.

"We don't have the money or resources to promote the program," Goode said. "If the SGA could help purchase the supplies and handle getting the students to us, our department could handle the registration process and the communication with Metro

Goode gave these suggestions for students to help prevent bike thefts in the

■ lock bikes to a solid object using a good quality chain or preferably a U-bolt

'This is the most basic and most effective deterrent to theft."

■ watch for suspicious persons or

'Steve Neil caught the bike thieves in action because he noticed they were out of place at High Rise.'

■ Alert security of any thefts

"[Students] need to let us know at least so that we can alert the campus and be on the lookout for the suspects."

More Security Coverage Inside (Page 3) **Security Committee**

Crime rate Down 1996-98 Crime Report

Former Islam minister returns to Lipscomb

Cummings speaks on 'The Time and What We Must Do'

BY KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

This week provided students with the opportunity to hear Jeremiah Cummings, an evangelist for the churches of Christ.

Cummings was formerly a minister in the Nation of Islam and spoke nightly in Alumni Auditorium on the theme "The Time and What We Must Do.'

Cummings, formerly named Jeremiah Fard Muhammed, was previously associated with Minister Louis Farrakhan of the

Nation of Islam as "father and son." He became a Christian following a debate with Dr. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.



Cummings

Cummings began to investigate the teachings of the Bible and was baptized into Jesus Christ on July 14, 1997.

A husband and father of five children, Cummings has been on a national speaking tour since August 1997.

Bill Davis, director of Multicultural Affairs, was very proud to host Cummings on campus.

"The message of Jesus is always relevant and contemporary," said Davis. "[Minister Cummings] is blessed with talent, ability, and the vision to let the world know that Jesus makes a substantive difference."

Your World at a Glance

International

An earthquake struck western Columbia on Monday, killing more than 900 people and thousands more homeless.

United States Secretary of State Madeline Albright visited Russia on Monday. Albright defended U. S. policies towards Iraq and Kosovo while the Russians accused the Clinton administration of not paying enough attention to their needs.

The International Olympic Committee has told six of its members that they must resign or face expulsion in connection with the growing 2002 games bribery scandal.

Jordan's King Hussein returned to America this week where he will once again undergo cancer treatment. Hussein shocked his country before his departure for the U.S. by naming his eldest son as the crown prince who will succeed him. Hussein's brother had held this position for over 30 years.

National

Pope John Paul II led mass for 110,000 people in St. Louis earlier this week. This visit marks the pope's sixth on U. S. territory and first time in St. Louis.

Doctors performed the first hand transplant in the United States this week. The donor hand, wrist and part of the forearm were attached to a man in Kentucky.

The impeachment trial of President Clinton will not end as some had hoped. The Senate announced on Wednesday that they will call witnesses to testify in the trial.

Jury selection began on Monday for the



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

(Left to right)Stacy Glenn, Heather Alteri and Jennifer Berry of Pi Delta prepare for their open rush on Monday night.

trial of John William King. King, along with two other men, is accused of dragging James Byrd, Jr. to death in Jasper, Texas last summer. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty for King if he is convicted of the murder.

Local

Historic downtown Clarksville was all but destroyed when a tornado ripped through the city's center early Jan. 22. Many of the city's historic churches and government buildings suffered extensive damage. The Austin Peay State University campus was also severely damaged. While no lives were lost it will take months and millions of dollars to repair the city and university.

Jerrod Love, the 13-year old Nashville boy who had been missing for over a week, was found in California on Wednesday. Love had been kidnapped by accused child rapist, Timothy Young.

The trial of accused murderer Paul Dennis Reid has been delayed due to the tornado damage in Clarksville. The Montgomery County Courthouse, where the trial was scheduled to start on Feb. 16, was severely damaged during the storm. No new trial date has been set.

Business

Walt Disney Co. reported a 18 percent drop in fiscal first quarter earnings. The decrease is being attributed to high costs of broadcasting NFL games, slower home video sales and lower ratings for ABC News.

Yahoo! Inc. announced on Thursday that it will buy GeoCities, an up and coming web site company. The deal is expected to boost Yahoo! even higher in online popularity.

Entertainment

The nominees for the Dove Awards were announced on Wednesday. A total of 11 nominations went to dc Talk's lead singer Toby McKeehan, making him the most nominated artist this year. Veteran Contemporary Christian artist Michael W. Smith received 10 nominations. The Dove Awards will be given out March 24 at the Nashville Arena.

The Golden Globe Awards were handed out Sunday night by the Hollywood Foreign Press. Saving Private Ryan was honored as the best dramatic picture of the year and Steven Spielberg was named best director of a dramatic picture for his work with the film. Other big winners included Jim Carey, Gwyneth Paltrow, Cate Blanchett and Michael Caine. The Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Jack Nicholson.

Sports

The countdown to Super Bowl XXXIII began this week. The game will be played Sunday night in Miami between the Atlanta Falcons and Denver Broncos. Denver is favored by a touchdown.

Minnesota Vikings quarterback, Randall Cunningham was named NFL player of the year on Wednesday. Cunningham led the Vikings to an NFL scoring record during the football season.

Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio was apparently watching television Sunday night when NBC accidentally ran an announcement that he had died. NBC quickly corrected their mistake and has offered an apology to DiMaggio.

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Campus crime rate down University forms committee

Goode asks for help to continue trend

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

or the second year in a row, overall campus crime decreased at Lipscomb.

There were 97 total offenses reported for 1998, down from 111 in 1997 and 130 offenses in 1996.

Jim Goode. director of campus the decreases to by the campus we can respond.' community as a whole and a lot of luck.

"It's hard to explain the decline," Goode said. "In the neighborhood, [crime] has gotten worse. I don't have as many officers now as I did then. And we're covering more territory than ever. But the crime statistics have gone down two years in a row.

"In a sense, we've really been lucky in dodging any bullets."

Even with all of the factors seemingly against his department, Goode said his officers take all measures possible to combat crime on campus.

"I try to encourage our officers to have a high visibility on campus," Goode said. "That is a key to preventing crime. We don't even know sometimes what crimes we might be preventing by being so visible on campus."

the security department respond to crime and often even prevent offenses.

We need the campus community to help us," he said. "They can serve as our eyes and ears. Students need to let us know when something happens on campus so we can respond."

Goode explained that if a wallet or other "minor" item is stolen, it is important to report it to security.

"If we get the 'Students need to let us reports of thefts, we can track the security attributes know when something trends," Goode said. "Once we find a increased vigilance happens on campus so trend, we can put out the word and alert people. But we Jim Goode can only alert peodirector of Lipscomb security ple if we find out about it first."

Goode pointed to the string of bike thefts from High Rise of a good example of how getting the word out helps fight crime.

"We had two bikes reported stolen," Goode said. "But when we went over to respond to an incident, we found out that at least six bikes had been stolen.

"If we had known earlier, we could have alerted the dorm to the thefts and students could then have taken additional pre-

Goode said that if he could only get out one message, it would be that any cooperation from the campus community makes his department more effective.

"We are here to serve and protect the students," Goode said. "The best way we can do that is with students' help."

to look at campus security

Committee look to prevent problems, prepare for future

BY JOHN GOSSLEE STAFF WRITER

President Steve Flatt has formed a security committee to evaluate campus

The committee, formed at the end of he fall semester, is expected to make recommendations that will effect all students.

Dr. Carl McKelvey, executive vicepresident/administration and chair of the committee, said that Flatt asked him to head the committee looking at Lipscomb

"I am asking you to serve on a very important committee to evaluate potential improvements for campus security," read the letter Flatt sent to McKelvey. "The escalating crime rate and changing urban climate makes strategic planning in this area imperative."

The letter also outlines prime issues that face the current security system. Those ssues include current security procedures, deciding what improvements should be made, developing a time table and budget for implementing the necessary changes and examining current campus emergency

"I believe our security force does an excellent job in light of the budgeted dollars," Flatt's letter said. "The council has not been formed as a reaction to some major problems on campus."

Instead, Flatt said that the security

committee will focus on the daily operations of campus security including the lighting on campus and sporting events.

We look to anticipate, and hope to prevent, potential problems," said Flatt. This committee is about that task."

McKelvey explained that it was important that the committee look at the entire Lipscomb campus and not just the univer-

"We have a K-12 as well as the university," he said. "We have to look at the whole thing. We have to have an emergency plan for everything.

McKelvey explained that members of the committee were divided into two subcommittees

The first was tasked with studying the day to day operations of Lipscomb security. That sub-committee is evaluating lights on campus, security at ballgames and the day to day functions of the security force.

McKelvey said that the second subcommittee is "looking at our emergency procedures for fire, bomb threats and things like a student or faculty member with a gun,"

The committee is composed of a diverse group of faculty, students and alumni. Among the committee's members are police officers David Carroll and J. D. Harbour; faculty and staff members Doug Varnado, Scott McDowell, Jim Goode, Doug Brinsko and Jonathan Seamon; and students Chad High and Krista Brantley.

The committee was scheduled to meet yesterday to discuss the results of their current study.

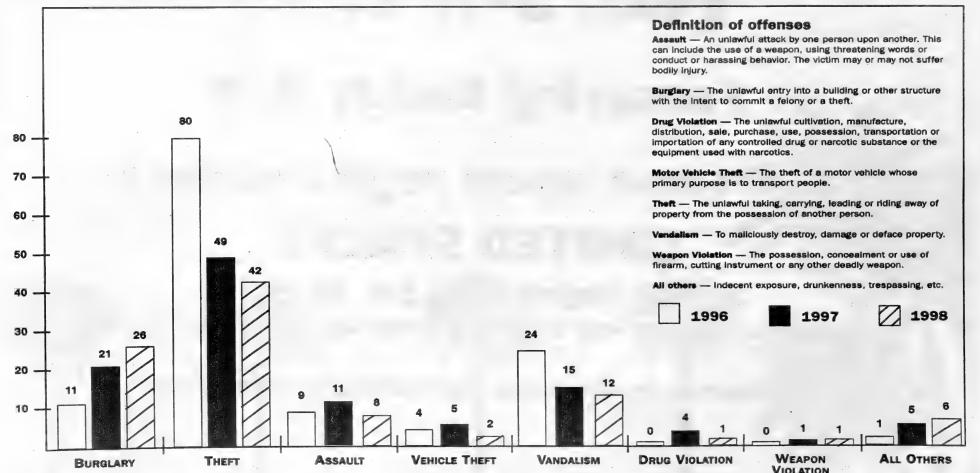
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Ansay gives practical advice for creative writing

BY KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

The Landiss Lecture Series hosted Nashville's own A. Manette Ansay Jan. 21. Ansay spoke to the Swang 108 audience about the relationship between character and landscape, calling landscape "a lens...that wraps characters in the world we paint around them."

Ansay began the evening with a reading from Sister, a novel that won the New York Times "notable book of the year" award. In the reading, Ansay revealed a bit of autobiography in describing a Midwestern farm town in summer, and it was permeated by the feeling that the landscape itself was almost a character.

She came to love reading through her writing, and Ansay's efforts as a writer came about merely as the result of a New Year's Resolution to be productive even when what she describes as a "physical limitation" left her in a wheel chair. As a result, said Ansay, she can relate to the 'non-readers' who attend her creative writing classes.

A graduate of Cornell University, Ansay's first thoughts of including landscape in her stories were that scenery was "window dressing."

'I had to remind myself to include [landscape] like putting oil in my car," said Ansay. "Every 3000 words or so, I'd go back and throw in a pine tree or a mead-

Her ideas about landscape changed, however, when she switched from reading romance novels in the bathtub to tackling

the works that soon became her models. The novels of authors such as Flannery O'Conner and Eudora Welty dealt with landscape as a character, a technique which Ansay believes can help "bear the emotional burden of the novel."

Said Ansay, "Some think that plot is the nutcracker [that makes a story truly interesting], but landscape is a much more authentic way of touching the character."

The key to creating a realistic landscape, said Ansay, is including the "little particulars that only you as the author can see. Nature becomes more animated if you're not squeamish about comparing her phenomena with common things.

Ansay's prose in novels such as Sister and Vinegar Hill, which won the year's best award from the Chicago Tribune has been praised for its "rhythmic beauty."

Ansay explained this familiarity with rhythm by revealing a background in music. She confessed that because of a weak photographic memory, she often "hears a landscape" before she sees it well enough to describe it. Perhaps it is the little details -- the rhythm, the attention to ordinary details, the careful examination of the relationship between literal meanings and connotations -- that make Ansay's style so entrancing.

Ansay's latest novel, Midnight Champagne, is due out later this year. The novel, which deals with the "relentless cheerfulness of the Midwest," describes the tensions of two families whose children are getting married after knowing each other for only a short time.

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Editorials

SGA: Do the right thing

The SGA, and Matthew McInteer in particular, have a unique opportunity to "do the right thing" this week.

With the resignation of three senators for the spring semester, McInteer is charged with the task of finding three students to serve out the remaining terms of office.

Two of the resigning senators fill class positions, freshman and junior, that will be filled by a student of the same class. The three freshman senators will nominate several freshman to fill the freshman post. The three junior senators will do the same for their class position.

The other resigning senator is a senator-at-large. This position is available to be filled by any Lipscomb student. The SGA officers will nominate candidates for this post.

McInteer, as SGA president, will then select and appoint three students to fill the vacant posts.

Here's to hoping that those appoint-

ments aren't of the same mold as the stereotypical SGA senator.

Take a look at this year's senators.

While only 16 percent of Lipscomb students are in social clubs, 86 percent of eligible (non-freshman) senators are in social clubs.

While minorities make up eight percent of the student body, there is not one minority senator on the SGA.

The SGA is tasked with representing the student body. To do that well, it needs to reflect the student body. And right now, the SGA is not reflective of the demographics of the student body.

That is why these three appointments are so important. The SGA now has the opportunity to increase its diversity by adding students who don't come out of the same old senator mold.

The SGA has been criticized in the past by this paper and by the student body for not accurately representing the views and desires of the ENTIRE student body. Too often, the senate, being a largely homogenous group to begin with, focuses only on the group it mirrors leaving large segments of the student body unrepresented. It is far too easy to become isolated from the opinions of the ENTIRE campus when you are surrounded by people just like yourself.

The SGA in the past has tried to combat this but it still happens. Until the way students are elected is changed, it will always continue to be a problem.

But now there is a chance to make a small difference. There is a chance now to bring some new and different opinions to the SGA.

To Matthew: Select students who have different perspectives and opinions from those already on the senate.

Find qualified candidates from segments of the student body that aren't represented on the senate.

Appoint students who reflect the students they represent.

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Letters to the Editor

Good Samaritans provide faith in goodness of people

To the Editor:

Let me relate a short story that illustrates why I am delighted to live in the David Lipscomb University/Avalon neighborhood.

The other evening I arrived home on Maplehurst Lane, and I could not find my wallet - soon recalling that I may have placed it on the top of my auto as I put things inside before leaving home, and that the wallet may have flown off the car somewhere en route.

The next morning, I received a call from Susan Hale whose husband Charles teaches and coaches at the campus school-leaving for work, she had found my wallet, and I picked it up at her home on Granny White. To my dismay, cash, credit cards, and other items were missing.

I assumed someone was out spending

my money and charging the world on my cards.

The same morning, I received a call from Mary Beth Miller, a DLU student, who, on her way to class from her Grandview apartment, had noticed the contents of my wallet strewn along Granny White Pike. She picked them up, called me, and returned them to me at Elam Hall later that morning.

I was, to say the least, grateful and pleasantly surprised at how things worked out, wondering if this would have happened in any other neighborhood.

We often take for granted that the campus and the neighborhood are populated by good, honest, Christian people who care about and look out for each other.

This is just a single example that I wanted to share with you, and, oh yes, "Go Bisons".

Bobby Ogdin Maplehurst Lane

Letters to the Editor

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Student Voices

What recommendations would you make to the security committee?



Teresa Casias

More lighting in areas
where people walk at night.



Jimmy Torr

A good addition to campus security would be security phone boxes located across campus.



Caleb Gray

I think security should respond more quickly to calls.



Melanie Howard

I think security officers should undergo more training.

How high are your standards?

BY CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The recent events involving our president have caused many to debate the individual right to privacy and the effective-

ness of our judicial system.

heated and neces- to make decisions that dards for everyone? sary to some extent, one issue effect our daily lives? has gotten less attention.

The most important information revealed from the scandal is not what the president did or said, and how he should be punished for it, but that most American's no longer associate good character with strong leadership.

A recent USA Today poll revealed, like many other polls of the past year, that over 70 percent of the American public feel that President Clinton is not a man of honorable character. Despite their lack of respect regarding his ability to be honest and trustworthy, over 70 percent still find him to be an effective leader.

The question that emerges from data like this is why would we want someone we don't trust to make decisions that effect our daily lives?

and fellow citizens dropped so low that we no longer care about what goes on unless it directly effects us?

Why should we have one set of standards for ourselves and those close to us

but a completely dif-Why would we want ferent set for others? While these debates have been someone we don't trust Should we not have the same set of stan-

> This is not meant to be an editorial on the political scandal of

the last year but instead a call for everyone to evaluate their own beliefs on morality and personal respon-

If we are to estaband morals within our own actions.

sibility.

ing time making sations. excuses and finding new avenues of blame why not learn to accept our own faults, correct them the best we can and move on.

We spend countless hours devising ways to justify the actions of others instead

Have our expectations of our leaders of reinforcing basic morals. The phrases "we all sin" and "not that there's anything wrong with that" have become common in our daily conversations.

> While it is most certainly true that we are all sinners, does that mean that we give up that battle and give into our sinful actions? Of course not.

> We should not settle for less when we could be so much more. As a citizens of the world we should set high standards for ourselves and those around us.

> It is not unreasonable to expect people to put their best effort into living life.

> Although there are issues in our society that can be debated and handled in differ-

ent ways, there are The phrases "we all still definite rights and wrongs. If we and ability to stand improve ourselves what have we

> As Christians and human beings

we should do everything possible to preserve and spread the truth - even when it isn't popular. Why should we expect any less of ourselves or our leaders? ■

lish strong character sin" and "not that there's toss aside our right country we must be anything wrong with up for the truth an able to accept the consequences of our that" have become com-Instead of spend- mon in our daily conver-

Don't believe it without investigating

By Jonathan Ling COLUMNIST

Greetings. I just finished watching the James Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies". After the movie, I was doing a little Bible

study, and something struck me. The movie made me realize just how much the media affects us.

Take a look at what happened October 30, 1948. That was the night of the "War of the Worlds" broadcast. It was also the greatest example of the Powerful Effects theory of speech. Basically, it means that if a powerful medium, such as television or radio, tells us that something is happening, we automatically believe it to be true.

The reason that I started thinking about this was because of my Bible. commentaries on thinks the passages years, I took these

writings to be true. Why would the author not tell the truth? Now I ask myself, "Did anyone check up on this guy?"

Look at the church today. How many

people are getting sucked in by a charismatic preacher or a popular author? As an example, I will relate a personal experi-

In a church I attended, the class I went to studied a book by Max Lucado.

We did not open a Bible that entire quarter. Now, I sonal against Luca- while the inspired gospel do. However, I think that there is of Jesus Christ is collecttoo much attention man while the inspired gospel of and in our brains. Jesus Christ is col-

lecting dust on our shelves and in our brains. How about you people think for yourselves? I have read many a religious book. Martin Luther had some outstanding things to say, as

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For many years, I do many living You see, I have one of those "study took these writings to worship them. authors, but don't worship them. Bibles", full of little be true. Now I ask Look at preachers. My congregation what the author myself, "Did anyone back home split a mean. For many check up on this guy?" several reasons, but

> ing reasons was what was being said from the pulpit. In the 18 months that he was there, not one doctrinal issue was raised. No sermon was ever preached on the dif

ferences of grace and faith. All we heard was love. Love love love love. Love your neighbor, love the sinners, love all religions, love your neighbor's dog, love

Our attendance grew by a third while

he was there, but a Too much attention [is] church isn't about attendance. have nothing per- being paid to just a man church is about leading souls to God. Did any of our new members ever hear a sermon being paid to just a ing dust on our shelves about doctrinal things that they should think about? I implore

all Christians to think for themselves.

What scares me the most is all you out there who are going to be ministers and preachers. Don't fall into the trap of a popular idea. I don't want my children to be taught from "On the Anvil".

Now I don't want all you Lucado lovers to come after me. I was just using him as an example. There are many writers out there from all sides who want you to think they are right. Just check up on what they say. Those books aren't written to be read alone. They are written to be used with the Bible.

Check them on what they say. Look up the scriptures that are taken out of con-

Learn from God, not from man.

The Spiritual Column A thing of beauty

BY DON LINDMAN

Watching Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders play football is, to paraphrase John Keats, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Some players are athletic artists. Greg Maddux paints the corners of home plate like it was a Van Gogh canvass. Michael Jordan soars toward the basket like an eagle in flight. Done well, an athletic performance can be beautiful in the true sense

Barry Sanders doesn't run, he dances, as he makes his way through the suddenly clumsy tackling efforts of one star athlete after another. His short, quick footsteps remind me of Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly in pads and cleats.

Sanders may be the greatest runner ever to lace up a pair of football shoes. That opinion comes from an increasing number of players-turned-announcers who cover his games.

As soon as he is eligible, Sanders will be voted into the pro football hall of fame. When that happens, that sport's shrine to greatness will gain a man who is not only a great athlete but also a great person.

Like a beam of sunlight dancing through the window into a dark and dirty room, we see Barry Sanders. While other professional football players are tearing up their multi-million dollar contracts, complaining about not playing enough, practicing their touchdown dances, and demanding to be traded, Sanders quietly goes about his job of running the football, year after year after year.

He reminds me that there is an honorable, and beautiful, side to sports-even to

The Bible uses sports as a metaphor for the Christian life. "I don't run like a man running aimlessly," St. Paul reflected on his life; "I do not fight like a man beating the air." "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize," he urges us.

Scripture also says, "whatever is true, noble, right, pure, admirable-focus on these things." Barry Sanders represents that kind of life in the world of profession-

A person's character is shaped by many influences, but in Sanders' case his father, a pastor, and the church in which he was raised have made a substantial impact. Barry acknowledges that annually by contributing a portion of his salary to the congregation's ministry.

He has played on mediocre to average Detroit Lion teams throughout his career. As long as he stays in Detroit he will probably never win a championship, but he has remained quietly faithful to his team and to his job. I applaud him and athletes like him. And I regret that they are so few.

Lindman is a columnist with The Amy Foundation.

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Start before deadline. Sleep is really overrated. High tech isn't always the best way, but it sure is great to have that option. Save often. Get it right...the first time. MAN CAN LIVE BY PIZZA ALONE. Second place is just the first loser.

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Coming Events

The Academic Committee is sponsoring a Trivial Pursuit tournament in the Student Center tomorrow. The tournament begins at 10 a.m.

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring the Gateway Getaway Feb. 5-7. Call Brett Harrison at ext. 1831 for more information.

The last day for 50% refund of tuition is Feb. 10.

The Lipscomb Artist Series presents Matti Raekallio Feb. 11 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Raekallio, pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

February 15 is the last day for August graduates to petition to walk in May.

The Drama Department will present a series of one-act plays Feb. 18-20 in Arena Theater. The shows begin nightly at 7:30 and admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Brown at ext. 2367.

The Lipscomb University Jazz Band will present its winter concert Feb. 18 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The Lipscomb University Concert Band will present its winter concert Feb. 22 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call the music department at ext. 2258.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held Feb. 22-25. Call the Career Center at 1792 for more information.

The Red Cross will conduct its spring blood drive Feb. 23-25.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

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Syracuse vs.

Seton Hall

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Syracuse

Orangemen embarrass

Seton Hall.

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Games of the Week

Seton Hall

I'll go with the home court

advantage.

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Syracuse

Who knows???

Lady Vols

Ahhh...A game I actually care

about.



Krista brantiy 3-8	wan baggen	"The Champ"	"Miss IU"	"I Lost to Kim"	Andy Mankin
Alabama vs. Tennessee	Tennessee Vols finally becoming the team we thought they would.	UT Vols should roll back Tide in Thompson Boling.	Tennessee Maybe.	Vols The Big Orange plays well at home	Bama Asst. Coach Tom Kelsey (LU '86) leads Tide
Vanderbilt vs. South Carolina	Vandy Win one for the coach guys.	Vandy If Vandy loses this one — bye, bye JVB.	Vandy SC is on a serious losing streak.	Commadores OkayTHIS pick is for the Lee brothers	Dores B. J. McKie awesome but not enough.
LSU vs. Kentucky	Kentucky Evans is finding his stroke again.	UK KY getting back on top of game, Powerful at home - usually.	Kentucky If I get this one wrong I may as well hang it up.	Cats Loss to UT woke up the Cats	Cats Heshimu Evans leads Cats.
Arkansas vs. Ole Miss	Arkansas Hogs are definitely the better team.	Arkansas Hogs are gaining strength as the season progresses.	Arkansas I have to say the Hogs against unranked Ole Miss.	Rebels Home court is everything in the SEC	Rebels Keith Carter, three point artist.
Auburn vs. Georgia	Auburn They're a lot better than people think.	Auburn Tigers too strong for GG and the Bulldogs.	Auburn Pretty impressive this year.	Tigers When will Auburn come down to earth???	Dawgs Jumaine Jones - need I say more?
Minnesota vs Wisconsin	Wisconsin Badgers take advantavge of home court.	Badgers Wisconsin playing strong; Gophers let me down last week.	Wisconsin It's tough to play on the road in the Big Ten.	Badgers I forgetWhy do we have to pick Big Ten games???	Gophers Clem has team ready for Badgers!
Iowa vs. Michigan	Iowa Will be a good game. Not an easy win.	Iowa Road wins always tough, Iowa looking good right now.	Iowa They should win, but UM did beat IU, so we'll see.	Hawkeyes Another Big Ten matchup Yippee!	Hawkeyes Jess Settles - How many years can a man play NCAA?
UConn vs. St. John's	UConn Huskies deserve their number one ranking.	UConn Huskies' number may be up, but finding ways to win.	UConn Red Storm should give Huskies a good game.	Huskies I really don't follow college B-Ball that much	Huskies UConn's Ricky Moore and Richard Hamilton too much!
Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma St.	A&M I just can't pick a guy that almost destroyed KY.	Cowboys Sutton guiding his team well.	OSU Should be an easy one.	Cowboys Sounds like a good football game	Cowboys Sutton's Cowboys tame Aggies.

Tennessee vs. Alabama With Pat Summit as coa what do you expect.	ch Bama no match for Summit's No comment necessary. AhhhA game army. abo
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Alabama vs. Tennessee	Name
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Minnesota vs. Wisconsin	Contest Rules
Iowa vs. Michigan	1. All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 6pm 2. Only one entry per contestant per week.
UConn vs. St. Johns	3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but will only be entered into final drawing one time.
Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma St.	4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
Syracuse vs. Seton Hall	5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets
WOMEN	to a Chaffin's Barn production. Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes
Tennessee vs. Alabama	will be awarded to students only.

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Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" winners: Jonathan Thomas, Erik Albaugh, Chad Oakley, Chara Patterson, Tim Lavender

Overall student champion: Jonathan Thomas who went 9-2 on the week.

Snoop's Scoop: Looking back at cross-country 1998



BY MATT REHBEIN **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Yeah, Snoop is back in the house.

I have really missed writing this column every week like I did last year when I was sports editor. There are some things I don't miss about that job, like late Monday nights and computer failures and deadlines. but I am grateful to be able to get in print again and share with you my journey through Lipscomb Cross-Country this sea-

As you might recall, last spring I decided that I had reached the pinnacle of my sports-writing career for the time being, and I wanted a change of direction. Inspired by my friends on the cross-coun-

try team, I decided to run for Lipscomb this season, my final year as an undergraduate.

The season was completely unlike what I what I thought it aging shouts. I finished thought it would be.

I never imagined how would be. agonizing those first workouts in August and Sep-

tember would be, running five miles or more in 95-degree heat day after day on the unforgiving pavement and concrete surrounding the Lipscomb campus.

I had trained hard on my own in the summertime, but nothing I could have done could have prepared me for the first week of practice. It was then that I realized I had

naively taken upon myself the greatest physical challenge of my life: to keep coming back day after day, knowing how much it would punish my body, and still want to show up a t 6 a.m. for tomorrow's "easy" run. Only by God's strength did I live up to

I never imagined how thrilling it would be to line up for my first collegiate race, on Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. on the campus of University of the South. When the starting gun went off, I charged forward with 13 Bison teammates and 84 other runners from 10 different schools. We ran like the wild west wind for five miles that beautiful Tennessee afternoon. We possessed a fire that could only be quenched by running as fast and as strong as our bodies would

I never magined how difficult it would be to finish that first race. I started off to quickly; by the halfway mark I acquired a nasty side-stitch that would take almost a mile to wear off. I managed to drag my

tired body the last 100 The season was yards, where a pack of Lipscomb fans was waitthe season was comThe se last for our team, for crying out loud. But I will always remember those

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people rooting me on like I was running for the gold medal.

I never imagined that my first race of the season would be my only race.

I had been bothered with shin splints in my right leg the whole season, despite hours of ice buckets and stretches and bottles of Aleve, the injury was getting worse. Park, four days after the Sewanee meet, my body said, "Enough! I can't do this anymore!" I couldn't finish the ten-mile practice run. The pain in my leg was too much to bear on my own. I was eventually diagnosed with a stress fracture in my right

shin. The doctors ordered no more running until January.

how angry and disappointed and cheated I would feel \$2,000 for Youth would feel about being injured.

As the season wore on, as I watched the meets from the sidelines. I sat in the training room with my leg stuck in an ice bucket day after day. I limped around campus on crutches while my teammated celebrated each crisp, autumn afternoon with the exhilaration of another run. I couldn't understand why this injury had to happen to me.

about being injured.

But in time, I understood what the Father was trying to teach me. I had always prided myself on being able to do what I wanted to do, no questions asked. Now, for the first time in my life, I could not do what I wanted to do, when I wanted to do it. God wanted me to wait on him. And for the first time in my life, I had no choice. I was on His timetable. And I found peace in accepting His plan for this time in my life. I realzed that I could contribute a lot more to the team than just my running abilities.

I was still a part of the team. And I never imagined how much I would come to love my teammates.

I never imagined I'd spend a Sunday morning helping to build a Habitat for

Finnally, one afternoon at Percy Warner Humanity House in the pouring rain and mud and cold with eight of my teammates.

I never imagined how excited I would be to travel to the meets and cheer as loud and as goofy as I could for our guys and girls, and how wonderful it was to see them improving week after week.

I never imag-I never imagined how ined that we would g until January.

I never imagined angry and disappointed a 24-hour benefit Encouragement

I never imagined that I would travel to Batesville, Ark. to see four of our guys and four of our girls qualify for the NAIA national meet.

And I never imagined I would drive 10 hours from Nashville to Milwaukee, to stay the night with my friend and teammate, Dennis Marquardt, and get up the next morning to see our friends race in Kenosha, Wis., just north of Chicago.

I never imagined I would be privileged to see my friend Tim Lavender, in his final collegiate race, finsh his career by running his fastest time ever while competing against 300 of the nation's finest runners.

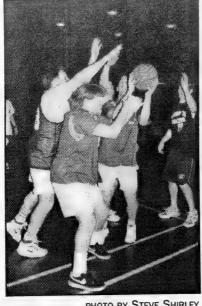
I never imagined the friendships I would gain from this season, the bonds that grew out of countless hours of suffering and persevering and achieving and laughing and praising God together.

I learned that it's not always how fast you finish the race that counts, but it's enjoying the scenery along the road that you travel that matters.

I'll always smile when I look back at this road.

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PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Jason Robertson, of the Hoppin' Honkeys, go up for a shot amid a host of defenders.

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Flatt unveils changes to daily Bible, chapel format

Change to take effect Fall '99

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

There is a significant change in the works for next fall.

President Steve Flatt unveiled a new plan for chapel and bible in chapel Friday.

"We have created an approach that we believe will strengthen the impact of daily Bible instruction in the lives of students,' Flatt said, "and provide the inspirational aspect that is such a crucial part of the Lipscomb concept of education."

Flatt explained that the university will remain true to its charter and keep daily bible and daily chapel.

"This is not a change in bible or chapel policy," Flatt said. "This is a change in the methodology.

"The new plan still requires Bible class and chapel every day," Flatt said. "But the new plan provides us with the best possible scenario at getting to the head and to the

Flatt said one of the main goals of the new plan was to create a balance where students could study the Bible with both an intellectual and inspirational focus.

"We just want to create a setting where there is the right combination of digging for the intellectual clues but also appreciating the inspirational value," he said. "I'm hoping that this blend of classroom Bible and university Bible will provide that setting."

The new plan calls for a two-pronged approach to Bible classes and chapels.

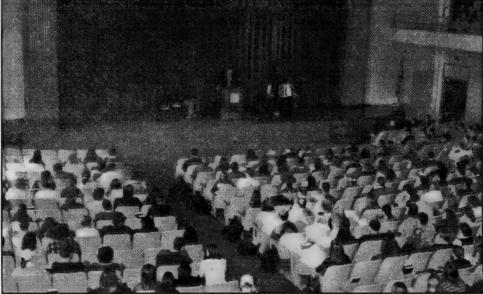
Every full-time student will attend a university Bible on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Willard Collins Alumni Auditori-

The university bible class format will involve a short devotional/ chapel time followed by the actual university Bible class with a lesson from an instructor.

"As far as university Bible. I don't want people to think that this is going to be a glorified chapel," Flatt said. "It's not. It's going to be much different from chapel.

"It's not taking a random seven minute talk and turning it into a random 40 minute talk. It's going to be a full 35 minute lesson it's going to have structure, continuity. It's got a place to go."

"However, the mechanics aren't going to be different than chapel. The number of



Lipscomb students attend the current chapel in Alumni Auditorium. This chapel will be ammended to include university Bible this fall.

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time you must be there and don't have to be there will be consistent. Your assigned seating will be handled the same way. Once chapel gets over and university Bible starts, nobody gets up."

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, students will take a classroom Bible. Students will also attend a chapel service those three days.

"We will still have a separate chapel time during MWF," Flatt said. We're going to have a separate hour for chapels. They will last about as long. They will typically have a speaker or some program."

One way the classroom Bibles will be tied into the university Bible classes will be the use of material on the final exam from the university Bibles.

"Material will go on classroom Bible exams from university Bible material," Flatt said. "We are going to have a series of questions, maybe a hundred, from the university Bible curriculum. When the classroom Bible teachers make out their exams, they will choose the number of questions to make up 15 percent of their final."

Flatt explained that another of the goals of the new format is reducing the average size of classroom Bibles from the current 75 to about 35-45 students.

'Some of our Bible classes have 75, 100 of even 200 [in freshman Bible classes] students," he said. "Once you get over about 70 students, you enter into just a pure lecture format.

"So if it is going to be lecture, then let's utilize some of our best communicators to lead those lectures and bring together our entire student body. That is what we are doing in university Bible.

"But in the classroom Bibles, there will be a limit of 45 students."

Flatt said the smaller classes would allow for more interaction in class between students and professors.

"We wanted to get the bulk of our bible classes to a size where we could have good interaction in the classes," he said. "Professors will also be able to provide better evaluations of student understanding with the type of tests we will be able to administer. The professors in those classes will have better interaction with students based on class size."

Flatt praised the efforts of Drs. Gary Holloway and Mike Moss from the Bible department for getting the initial proposal off the ground.

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Committee to evaluate **Marriott**

By JAY ROWE STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb University's food-service may be changing sometime in the near

A five-member committee has been appointed to interview and hire a food-service consultant who will investigate whether or not to renew Marriott's con-

"Mariott's contract runs out at the end of the year," said SGA President Matthew McInteer, "and has for several years.

"Lipscomb has simply renewed the contract without question until now."

The committee is comprised of five people: Dr. Carl McKelvey, vice-president of student affairs, Scott McDowell, dean of students; Mark Pugh, principal of Lipscomb High School; Conrad Camp; and McInteer.

The committee will be hiring a foodservice consultant to consider all aspects of food service as it currently exists on campus. Everything from meal plans to the way that the downstairs restaurants are set up will be examined.

"It will be a pretty intensive study, looking at the entire way we do food service," said McInteer. "Eventually, this may lead to a restructuring of the entire

McInteer has been planning to take on the problem of on-campus food services since he was elected student body president last year.

"This has been something that I have wanted to do since I took over the office,"

Restructuring on-campus services is not a new idea at Lipscomb. Last year, the bookstore underwent some consultation and ultimately made several changes that improved its system.

Tom Byrne was the person in charge of the bookstore situation, and has helped the committee in their search for the right company.

"Tom has helped by guiding the committee a we wanted," McInteer said

As soon as the committee finds the right people for the job, the consultation will begin immediately.

"So far, about four or five companies have been interviewed," said McInteer, "but a decision has not been made yet."

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Your World at a Glance

International

Hugo Chavez was sworn in as president of Venezuela earlier this week. Chavez, a former coup leader, plans to throw out the country's constitution and overhaul the country's political system.

Peace talks are scheduled in France this week to try and end the bloody dispute in Kosovo. Ethnic Albanian rebels have agreed to attend the peace talks that will hopefully resolve the conflict.

National

Rev. Jerry Falwell apologized earlier this week for a statement he made claiming that the Antichrist was a Jewish male living today.

An Oregon judge has ruled that the creators of a anti-abortion website pay over \$100 million in damages after publishing the names and addresses of doctors who perform abortions, calling them "baby butchers."

One man was killed and another 22 injured after an explosion Monday at the Ford Motor Co. River Rouge Complex in Dearborn, Mich. The cause of the explosion has not yet been identified.

A study released by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University states that couples who live together before marriage are more likely to divorce. Some sociologists believe that living together may limit a persons ability to commit.

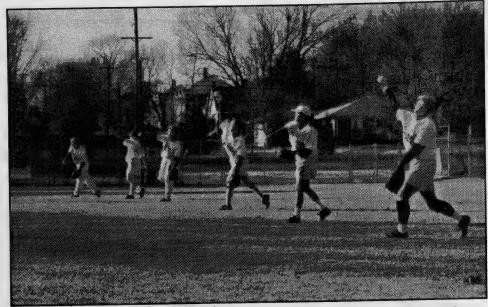


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Members of the girls softball team enjoy practicing outside last week due to the unusually warm January weather.

Local

Convicted killer, David Britt, is back in custody after almost three days of freedom. Britt was captured in Decatur, near the Wayne County prison he escaped from.

Construction began on the new downtown library this week. The \$81 million project will fill an entire block between Church St. and Sixth and Seventh Avenues. The new library is scheduled to open in two years.

The University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University have begun discussions that might lead to their collaboration on medical research projects, patient care, and training doctors.

Business

It will get cheaper to fly to the Northeast next month when Southwest Airlines begins service to MacArthur Airport on Long Island. Southwest will offer flights for around half the cost of the other airlines in the area.

Despite the Christmas season and unbelievable popularity of the Furby, the toy industry is reporting no growth for the past year and only predicting modest gains for this year.

Entertainment

The new movie "She's All That" took the number one box office spot last weekend. The film, described as a modern day "My Fair Lady," beat out "Patch Adams" and "Varsity Blues" which occupied the number two and three spots respectively.

Sports

The Denver Bronco's won their second consecutive Super Bowl title Sunday night beating the Atlanta Falcon's 34-19. John Elway, the Super Bowl MVP, won't yet say if he will return to the game next fall.

Football legend Walter Payton, who played for the Chicago Bears, announced Tuesday that he is suffering from a rare liver disease. Payton's doctors have said that without a liver transplant, he only has two years to live.

The Nashville Predators continue to make their run at the playoffs. The team is currently ninth in the Western Conference. The Predators are just three points out of the eighth and final place for the playoffs. They are in the middle of a pivotal two game road swing out West.

The Sports Prognosticators are back this semester. Kim Chaudoin, fresh off her vistory during the football season, is quickly in the thick of the race trailing Steve Shirley by just one game. Check out the contest on page 10.

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Counseling Center to begin new women's group

BY CHRISTY JUSTICE **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

The university counseling center plans to begin offering two discussion groups for . women on campus.

chance to discuss the relationships in their

"I hope the groups be a place where women will be a place where women can feel free to can feel free to talk about talk about conflicts in relationships," said Stephanie Insko, an intern with the counseling center.

The groups will not be limited to romantic relationships but will include discussions about relationships involving friends, roommates, and parents.

Through the discussion groups women will have the opportunity to interact with their peers and share their personal experi-

"I hope the groups will

The groups will not only allow women to discuss the issues they are facing, but also receive suggestions on how to resolve

Two groups are being offered in order These groups will provide women the to accommodate the busy schedules of stu-

dents. group will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and last for one conflicts in relationships." Stephanie Insko Wednesdays at

> the same time. Each group will meet once a week and be facilitated by members of the counseling center staff.

> All women who are interested in joining one of the groups should contact Sonnie Norwood in the counseling center for more information.

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Groundhog not accurate predictor of weather

U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, III. --Some meteorologists say you'd be better off flipping a coin than trusting the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction for the next six

In the 113th year of the prediction in the Pennsylvania town, Phil did not see his shadow Tuesday, delighting the crowd of 25,000 with the idea that spring is right around the corner

According to a web site dedicated to Phil, "www.groundhog.org", the tradition of the rodent's prediction goes all the way back to Roman times.

Punxsutawney's first prediction came in 1887 and has since become known

The festivities surrounding the prediction draw thousands yearly and the town celebrated this year with dances, craft shows and a showing of the movie Groundhog Day in the town community

However, some meteorologists are skeptical of Phil's accuracy.

His predictions are all over the place and never consistently agree with what the weather actually turns out to be, said Scott Olthoff, part-time meteorologist with WILL radio.

"It's just tradition and that's all it is," he said. "From year to year the predic-

Phil's predictions have turned out to

be right 40 percent of the time, said John Walsh, professor of atmospheric sciences. Groundhog Day is a nice little diversion from the middle of winter, but using a moment of sunshine to predict the weather for the next six weeks isn't very reliable, he said.

You don't want to bet the ranch on one of these groundhog predictions," Walsh said. "It's really stretching the imagination to say it has some sort of scientific prediction."

According to the National Weather Service, the recent above-average temperatures will continue into the spring. Both the 30 and 90 day maps call for continued warmer weather, said Walsh.

These figures indicate that Phil's predictions will be right this year. Rising average temperatures indicate that winter is on its way out, said Walsh.

"We have an old saying in meteorology," he said. "When the average daily temperature starts to go up, the back of winter is broken."

In his opinion, the higher temperatures don't give Phil any more reliability in predicting the weather.

"I think groundhogs are nice creatures, but I'm skeptical about their scientific predictions," he said.

But for those that rely on Phil every year, their faithful groundhog came through with the sought-after prediction of warmer weather.

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Bible faculty sponsor, support changes

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"The two of them got the ball rolling on this proposal," Flatt said. "This change is a cumulation of their hard work."

Holloway, Dean of the College of Bible and Ministry, said his department is committed to making the change work.

"We're the ones who proposed this change," he said. "We want to see this work. And we think it will."

Holloway explained that the Bible department decided a change of the classroom Bible format was needed after listening to feedback from students.

"This change comes about primarily due to student concerns about Bible," he said. "From word of mouth and focus groups conducted by Gayla Pugh, the two main concerns students had were getting one hour credit from three hours class time and the sizes of their classes.

"Our faculty took these concerns and devised a plan to address them."

Holloway said that the new Bible format will provide a better educational environment for students.

"I think it will provide better educational experience," Holloway said. "What we hope with smaller classes is that we would have more interaction, more discussion and more written tests. We think the new format will be stronger educationaly and it will give two hours credit for your studies."

Another goal of the Bible department is to build in an experience component into the classroom Bibles. Students will have the opportunity to complete out of class work that applies to their course.

"With the experience component, we can get students out of the classroom," Holloway said. "It will look different

depending on ' which course a student is taking because it will be tied to that course

examples might include, if you are meaning. talking about the gospel of Luke and service to the

poor, it might mean going down to serve at a soup kitchen. If you are talking about Christian Mind and Devotional life, your experience component might be to keep a prayer journal. Hebrew History might be to go to a synagogue. Something for every course that is specific for that course."

Holloway said that the goal of any experience component will be to increase student learning.

"We are particularly concerned that the students not just learn bible facts, though we're for that, but that they learn meaning," Holloway said. "How do you learn meaning? Part of that is through thought and reflection. That can't be tested through scantron form. Part of it is learned through experience.

"I think students will like this better. I know any change is frightening but I really think students will like it."

Flatt said he appreciated the Bible

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"Theoretical for that, but that they learn have done a good job of looking under every rock and hashing out Dr. Gary Holloway every 'what if,'" Flatt said. "So far,

I haven't heard a single 'what if' they hadn't anticipated."

Flatt said the new Bible changes are just the natural response to a constant attempt to build "lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ."

"We must regularly ask ourselves, 'Are we accomplishing our mission? Are we teaching the Bible and inspiring our students to lifelong discipleship?' In fact, our mission requires us to continue searching for new ways to improve instruction and inspire discipleship. These changes are an outgrowth of that mission."

Chapel set up will see change

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

With the new schedule changes, the chapel format will see significant change.

President Flatt said he was unsure if the university would keep the breakout chapels under the new format.

"We're discussing breakout chapels right now," Flatt said. "Those chapels would only be able to meet on MWF and we are looking at how to structure the schedule to possibly accomodate them."

Breakout chapels such as Women's Chapel and Swang Chapel are popular among the limited number of students who attend them. Flatt said the administration is trying to keep them available.

"It may be that we use a hybrid approach that one day a week we have breakout chapels and on two we meet together or vice versa."

Flatt saw benefits in both Alumni chapel and in breakout chapels.

"I think when we have everybody together [in Alumni], you have more of a sense of celebration. With breakout chapels, you have a greater sense of inti-

"We want to accomodate the needs and desires of the students."





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An open letter to students from the president

The following is a special message to Lipscomb University students from President Steve Flatt.

As students, you experience first-hand our dedication to teaching the Bible each day. You may not know that Lipscomb is the only major university among those associated with the churches of Christ that requires Bible instruction for each full-time student on a daily basis. We believe this heritage is one of the key elements of our distinctiveness in Christian higher educa-

Our dedication to daily Bible instruction dates to the establish- same number of semester ment of the school. In an hours of academic credit and with appeal for support, David Lipscomb these words:

"The supreme instruction. purpose of the school shall be to

teach the Bible as the revealed word of God to man ... and to train those who attend in a pure Bible Christianity. ... Such other branches of learning may be added as will aid in the understanding and teaching of the Scriptures and as will promote usefulness and good citizenship among men."

We have remained true to this charge for 108 years and will continue to do so. As I look around our community, nation and world, I am further convicted that the need for meaningful Bible instruction and deep, personal, life-directing relationships with Jesus Christ is greater today than ever

The wisdom of the approach taken by the founders, Lipscomb and James A. Harding, grows in importance with each new day. A review of the early academic catalogs offered by the school expands on their intent. Rather than focusing only on preparing preachers — although preaching is a wonderful profession and necessary to advancing the kingdom of God — they wanted to provide the biblical foundation upon which every student's life would be lived to the glory of God in any noble field of endeavor.

In short, they wanted students to learn the Bible, but us to continue searching instruction in the they also wanted to inspire them to be lifelong disciples of improve instruction and Jesus Christ. They wanted to reach the inspire discipleship. head and the heart. I

am convinced that each succeeding administration of Lipscomb University has been dedicated to achieving these goals for every student. Unequivocally, achieving these goals is the central purpose of this administration.

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But knowing the goals and being dedicated to them is not sufficient. We must regularly ask ourselves, "Are we accomplishing our mission? Are we teaching the

Bible and inspiring our students to lifelong to add a service and experidiscipleship?'

Certainly, many of our graduates answer "yes" to those questions in word and deed. We are deeply grateful for the testimony their lives are to the power of God in their families, churches, businesses, associations with others, and their travels throughout the world in various kinds of missions.

But can we do a better job of teaching and inspiring our students? We believe so. In fact, our mission requires us to continue searching for new ways to improve instruc-

Students will receive the inspire discipleship.

You may be exposed to virtually the approach we have taken for wrote same amount of pure Bible years. Each full-time sturequired to be enrolled in a

> Bible class each day he or she is scheduled for classes. Because most students attend class five days per week, they are required to schedule two daily Bible classes: one on Mondays and Wednesdays and odd Fridays; the other on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and even Fridays. Each class offers only one hour of credit toward graduation, and the academic rigor of each class is similar to a three-credit-hour class and requires just as many class meetings and examinations. Class sizes often range from 70 to 100 students (sometimes over 200 for freshmen), preventing the kind of personal interaction we believe should characterize our university across all disciplines, particularly Bible. Furthermore, two graded Bible classes per semester — added to an already full curriculum — often turns the study of Bible into a chore rather than a life-inspiring experience.

Through the combined, prayerful efforts of our College of Bible and Ministry, our Council of Deans, other selected faculty, members of the administration, our Board of Directors and carefully selected students, we have created an approach that

we believe will Our mission requires strengthen impact of daily Bible lives of students and provide the inspirational aspect that is such a crucial part of the Lipscomb concept of education. The new plan still

requires Bible class and chapel every day.

ways

• Each student will enroll in one "classroom Bible" course each semester. The course will meet three days per week and offer two semester hours of academic credit. Credit will more closely match the hours of instruction. Class sizes will be limited to a maximum of 45 students (down from the current average of 75). This will allow us

ence component not now required.

· On two days per week, students will attend a "university Bible" course that will be presented in Collins Alumni Auditorium immediately following a chapel period. This "whole student body" approach was used very effectively in Lipscomb University's early years. Although these courses will be non-credit, attendance will be required and material covered in classes will be included on final exams in the classroom Bible courses. University Bible courses will follow a set curriculum that will be textually based. For example, the Fall 1999 study will be in the Parables of Jesus. The Spring 2000 study will focus on the Life of David. In subsequent semesters, subjects will include "Daily Christian Living" (the Sermon on the Mount, James), Gospel

of Mark, Wisdom Literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes), "Servant Leadership," (I & II Timothy, Titus), "Songs to Live By" (Psalms), "The Christian and Culture" (Hebrews, I Peter), "Faithfulness

on the Journey" (minor prophets), This strategically set will rotate on a five- Bible instruction.

ensure that students are not in the same "class" twice.

There are several exciting advantages

- · University Bible classes will begin with a typical brief devotional. The remainder of the class period will be spent in Bible instruction.
- The university Bible class, because it will be non-credit, will allow us to augment our own excellent Bible faculty with some of the great communicators of the brotherhood, some of whom are on our campus but not among our Bible faculty people such as F. LaGard Smith, who joins our faculty this fall; Marlin Connelly, Walt Leaver, Scott McDowell, Mark McInteer and others. I plan to teach a series of these classes as well. Under this new model, all our full-time students will have the opportunity to learn from these and other outstanding teachers.
- · Students will receive the same number of semester hours of academic credit and be exposed to virtually the same amount of pure Bible instruction.
 - · A student who enrolls as a first-

Highlights from President Flatt's chapel presentation

Classroom Bible

- M,W,F
- Average class size drops from 75 to 40-45
- · 2 hours credit
- More classroom interaction
- Service/Experience components

University Bible

- · Tuesday, Thursday
- Brief chapel devotional
- 35-minute class with structured curriculum and syllabus (e.g. Parables, Life of David)
- Non-credit
- 15% of final exam in classroom Bible will be University Bible curriculum
- 3 teachers per semester
- Outstanding group communicators

Other Advantages

- One less class time scheduled/week
- Greater variety of excellent teachers and class styles
- · Spiritual cohesiveness from everyone studying the same curriculum (university Bible)
- Excellent combination of Bible curriculum for head and heart

semester freshman and stays through graduation will study from every major section of the Bible, plus biblical ethics, Christian evidences, the Christian home and the Christian mind and devotional life.

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> dent discussion and improve the spiritual cohesiveness of our campus.

> There are still a number of logistical issues to work out, and I know you will have questions about specific situations and how the new plan applies. I ask your patience as we work through these issues and provide answers to your questions. But I am very pleased with the responses of all who have contributed to developing this plan over the past several months, including the insight given by members of our Student Government Association. I believe the combination of classroom Bible and university Bible will be our best approach ever to providing a strong foundation of daily Bible instruction and inspiration to lifelong discipleship. I covet your prayers for the success of this program as it is implemented this fall so that God may be glorified in this place and in the lives of all our students now and for generations to

Sincerely,

Steve Flatt

Editorials

Changing Bible policy/methodology

Few things at Lipscomb are held as sacred as daily Bible and daily chapel. For 108 years, those two components have been a constant.

And under the new system proposed by President Flatt, daily Bible and chapel will remain constants for at least another 108

When anything held so dearly is changed or amended, there are bound to be questions around the timing and the goals of the changes. People worry about what is happening to the school.

As students, there is little to worry about in regards to the new Bible format. Yes, we will still have Bible everyday. Yes, we will still have chapel everyday. No, the university isn't throwing out 108 years of tradition.

The difference is that we will now only have one classroom Bible per semester. Students will be in a classroom Bible worth two hours of credit for the three hours of weekly class time.

This system will be much fairer than the current one. Gone are the days of taking two one-hour Bible classes that EACH require the time and effort equal to some three hour classes.

In addition, students will now be able to attend smaller classes and have improved interaction with the instructor and with one another. The average class size will go from about 75 to about 40.

The proposed changes are in direct response to the concerns of students. The Bible department reacted to those items that students consistently listed as needing improvement and came up with a proposal that helps everyone.

Students will gain from the smaller class sizes and increased class interaction. If learning is our true goal, we will also benefit from the evaluation methods of tests and essays that will be possible in smaller classes. The university Bible will lead students in lessons from some of the best communicators on campus. Students will gain from being together in one assembly and sharing together. Finally, the proposed experience component of the classroom Bibles will allow students the opportunity to apply lessons learned in the classroom in the outside world.

For the Bible professors, the proposed changes address two major concerns: smaller classes and better evaluation of stu-

With smaller classes, professors can have more interaction with students and develop more interactive lessons rather than pure lectures. Professors will also be

able to conduct more essay and short answer test that more accurately gauge students' understanding of the material than can be determined with scantron tests.

The Bible faculty deserve a great deal of praise for their hard work and dedication to this proposal. They have looked at nearly every possible scenario and exception to the situation and have come up with a proposal that is to be commended.

The administration deserves praise for its willingness to evaluate current formats and make necessary changes. It is a delicate situation to alter anything with as much tradition and emotional attachment as daily Bible and chapel. The administration has handled the changes with grace and focus. They continue to pray over the situation and remain committed to the ideals and traditions important to Lipscomb.

Students are to be commended for being the catalyst behind the changes. Students have been voicing their opinions on these subjects for years and there is now an answer. With patience and a willingness to listen, students can look forward to the benefits of these changes.

For everyone involved, these changes may not go as smoothly or as easily as one might like, but patience and willingness to see the changes through are vital.

Student Voices

What is your reaction to the new Bible policy?



Dwight Spradlin

"I am sure its precisely what David Lipscomb had in mind."



Amy Fulbright

"It might be a nice change, but we're still not getting anymore credits for Bible.'



Stacey Guyse

"I am going to keep a positive attitude, but I might be complaining next year."



Allison Wiggins

"I am still confused about how University Bible will work."

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PERSPECTIVES

Treating the Black History Month blues

(U-WIRE) DETROIT, Mich. -- No one ever told me that I was any better than anyone else. I was never directly informed that black people were bad or white people were good. And yet, sure as I breathe today, it was taught to me by a system hellbent on perpetuating a myriad of myths and misconceptions, packaging them into neat little lies and passing them off as the history of these United States.

As a child, I learned that Christopher Columbus was a hero and that the Europeans had "discovered" America. None of my instructors apparently saw the relevance of revealing that the Europeans, their ancestors, were savages. We never discussed what possible right they might have had to murder the native Americans, the Indians, to the brink of extinction or to lay claim on

By the time I got to col- finding myself, and as I their land. fact, all I lege, I had begun to figure been programmed into a taught out that the pieces didn't complex. If all you're about blacks, quite add up.

out elementary school and most of high school as well, was that they had been slaves. I can't remember anyone discussing when or how slavery started, or why it was allowed to exist, only that Abraham Lincoln had freed the slaves in the Civil War and was a hero for doing so.

I recall saying the Pledge of Allegiance, "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," or singing the National Anthem, "the land of the free," with full sincerity, completely

unconscious of the hypocrisies in both. And in church, I sang "Amazing Grace," utterly unaware that it had been written by a repentant former slave owner.

So I when I first became cognizant of the notion of Black History Month, I rebuked it. Why do "they" need their own special month, and what real history a subconscious-superi- theirs was a do "they" have anyway? It pains me to confess this, but Ority complex. those were my thoughts.

But then I graduated and my real education began. I met people. People whose skin color may have different, but whose hearts were the same. People who didn't hate me for my ignorance, as perhaps I would have had I been them.

> I spent years busy did, I discovered how I'd subconscious-superiority taught about white Americans is that they were great leaders who founded this

great new country and then all you're taught about black Americans is that they're the ones who used to be slaves, how hard is it to begin feeling you're somehow better than they are? Not very.

By the time I got to college, I had begun to figure out that the pieces didn't quite add up. I sought it out and began to learn the true story of America's sorted past. I learned that the Africans had been stolen from their rich homeland to be brought to this country, stripped of their

culture and forced into barbaric servitude.

I learned that blacks had done more than just been slaves, that somewhere in there they had invented the stoplight, the

clothes dryer, the refrigerator I discovered how I'd and the fire been programmed into extinguisher. I discovered that history rich in tradition, that they were a

people of remarkable faith.

And I learned, perhaps most importantly of all, that this country, the land of the free, had wronged them time, and time and time again.

So now, though much has changed regarding my views and my life, some things remain unchanged. I still don't think there should be a Black History Month, only a complete and accurate accounting of all the Americans being taught daily in each and every classroom in the country.

But until this happens, until white America as a whole learns to get past its ego complex, until every color of American is viewed as completely the same in the eyes of the governing bodies, courts and law enforcement agencies of this land and until American history is, in the words of Oprah Winfrey, rewritten to include everyone who has lived it, I understand why Black History Month must go on.

I understand and I'm glad to see it once

Jason Michael is a columnist for The South End (Wayne State U.)

Free speech and personal freedoms

BY JONATHAN LING COLUMNIST

Greetings. Today's topic: Free Speech

Amendment is as follows: Congress shall make no law respecting an estab-

lishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; of abridging freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress for grievances

Now lets us look at the history of freedom of speech in this country. I will try to focus on recent events.

In 1919, The Supreme Court first uses the test of "clear and present danger". The case was about some socialists passing out leaflets that told American's to resist the draft. Clear and present danger is defined in another case in the same year as being "...and immediate evil or an intent to bring it about that warrants Congress in setting a limit on the expression of opinion..." To me, this is a good idea. There are no

absolute freedoms. Your rights stop when you infringe on another's rights.

This brings me to the point that is in the courts right now. A group of people have started a thing called "The Nuremberg Files" which is a listing of abortion providers and facility owners. If they have been wounded, there name is faded to

gray, they have been killed, why they er's rights. are in court.

The thing is, nowhere in the "Files" is there a call to kill them. It is just a listing

The other case is in Virginia. The American Civil Liberties Union, which in my opinion involves itself in conflict for popularity, actually has taken up a true and just cause. In Virginia, it is illegal to burn a cross. Citizens who break this law can be put in prison for five years. The ACLU has provided lawyers for the Imperial Wizard in Virginia, all in the name of free speech. They are citing a case in Minnesota in which a similar law was struck

For once, free speech will be defended in the manner that was intended.

Burning a cross is free speech, as long as it is on your own property. To me, it is just like the Black Power salute.

Posting a list of abortionists is free

speech, as long as There are no absolute you don't call for their deaths. Pictheir name freedoms. Your rights stop tures of naked children is not free out. I think When you infringe on anoth- speech. There is no expression in naked kids

> In parting, I must tell you. This is my last column for The Babbler. I have taken over duties as leader of the McQuiddy Maniacs. It has been quite a ride, but the party is over for me. Just keep reading The Babbler.

> You probably don't know what kind of work goes into this thing. Me, I'm just a slacker. I type for one hour a week. But there are some people here who don't leave this office.

> Try to say thanks if you see them around. They will appreciate it.

The Guest Column Chapel changes

BY LAURA JOHNSON

During the past week, many discussions have occurred about President Flatt's chapel announcement on Friday. In case you've been hiding under a rock, chapel and bible classes as we know them are

These changes may not seem drastic at first, but I ask you to carefully consider the possible implications of these changes before you form an opinion. I've seen a lot of changes in these two programs since I started school nearly five years ago. For the most part, these changes have encouraged spiritual growth on this campus.

So what about the most recent changes? Will they encourage spiritual growth? The administration seems to think so, but I'm not so sure. I spoke with President Flatt immediately after chapel last Friday, and asked him one question, "What about the small chapels?" He had no response, besides to tell me that a decision had not been made yet. Something makes me think that a decision has been made, and that decision may mean the end of Swang 108 and Women's chapels. The structure of the system simply does not allow for chapel services other than Alum-

For those of you who started school here in January 1995 or later, here's a little history lesson for you. Before January of '95, all students attended chapel in Alumni at 11:10 or 11:50. There were no assigned seats; attendance was taken by scanning your ID card at the entrance to the auditorium. Needless to say, the balcony and rear of the auditorium were filled with numerous distractions. I don't think I need to tell you that this was not a positive worship experience.

I'm not saying that I think the current changes will mean a return to the old days of Alumni chapel. All I am saying is that I believe these changes represent a step in the wrong direction. In the spring of my freshman year, Swang and women's chapels came into existence. It was exciting to be able to choose a chapel service based on your preferred style of worship. If we are all required to attend Alumni chapel, we will have no choice, but will be forced into a worship style that may or may not be right for us. To quote a wise friend of mine, "Everyone worships differently, so trying to worship in an environment that doesn't suit you can be about as successful as trying to read Moby Dick during a Metallica concert." Strong words, but true.

I don't know what the future of chapel holds. Considering I graduate in May, I won't be around to see it. However, the spirituality of this campus will always be a concern for me. I hope that you can say the same, and I also hope that when I return each year for homecoming, my heart will rejoice at the spiritual state of this campus. Chapel is a fundamental part of the spirituality of this campus. Its detriment and deterioration may also be our own.

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The Lipscomb Artist Series presents Matti Raekallio Feb. 11 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Raekallio, pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

February 15 is the last day for August graduates to petition to walk in May.

The Drama Department will present a series of one-act plays Feb. 18-20 in Arena Theater. The shows begin nightly at 7:30 and admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Brown at ext. 2367.

The Lipscomb University Jazz Band will present its winter concert Feb. 18 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The Lipscomb University Concert Band will present its winter concert Feb. 22 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call the music department at ext. 2258.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held Feb. 22-25. Call the Career Center at 1792 for more information.

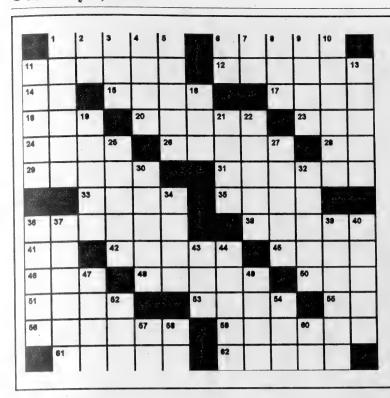
The Red Cross will conduct its spring blood drive Feb. 23-25.

Singarama '99 will be held March 4-6 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium.

The last day to drop classes is March 10.

The Artist Series will feature pianist William Black on March 11. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be held in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

To have your campus event or activity included in the Coming Events section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.



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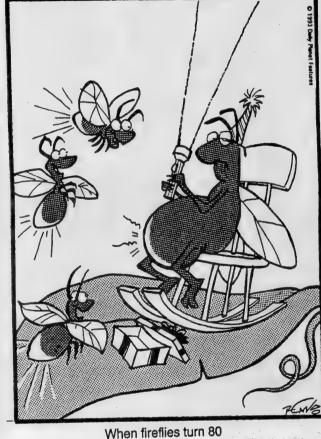
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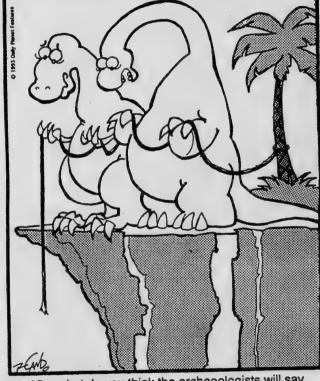
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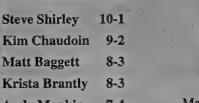
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Last Week's Results

PREDICTIONS

Games of the Week















Andy Mankin 7-4	Matt Hardin 'nuf said	"The Champ"	Krista Brantly "Miss IU"	"I Lost to Kim"	Jon Lee
Miss. St.vs. Tennessee	Miss. St. I don't have to justify myself.	UT Vols are on a hot streak.	UT Waste of ink.	Vols The Big Orange continues march towards March	TN Vols young and inconsistent but still talented
Arkansas vs. Vanderbilt	Arkansas Of Course.	Ark. Dores don't have a prayer	Arkansas If Vandy can't handle S. Carolina	Razorbacks OkayI'm tired of picking for the Lee brothers	Arkansas Memorial Magic is dying quickly
Kentucky vs. Alabama	Kentucky Duh.	UK Usually a challenge; KY's depth will wear down the Tide	UK Unfortunately.	Cats Is there any real doubt on this one?	Kentucky Cats heat up for tournament run
U. Conn vs. Stanford	Stanford If Hamilton is still out.	Stanford Huskies are really missing Hamilton and Voskuhl	Stnaford UConn will strugle without Rip and Jake.	Cardinal UConn is not a dominant #1 (Kim's cheating off me)	Stanford My dad, Arthur Lee, leads Standford
Mich. St. vs. Iowa	Mich. St. Who cares.	Mich. St. Could be a close game	MSU They're tough to beat; ask Bobby.	Spartans Iowa has been too erratic	Michigan St. Both will choke in NCAA tournament
Ohio State vs Purdue	Purdue See above.	Purdue Boilermakers tough at home	OSU PU can be beat at home. IU did it.	Boilermakers Home court the difference (I said it first, Kim)	Purdue What DOES Gene Keady put in his hair
Minnesota vs. Michigan	Michigan Once again, see above.	Gophers Who cares?	Minnesota Tough road game, but they can do it.	. Gophers What kind of mascot is a golden gopher?!?	Minnesota Michigan stinks this year
Kansas vs. Colorado	Kansas I hope I'm wrong.	Jayhawks Colorado is no match for Kansas	KU Does it matter?	Buffs CU exacts revenge over last week's dissapointment	Kansas Love those Jayhawks
Lipscomb vs. Trevecca	Lipscomb Of course.	Lipscomb After last meeting, Lipscomb will wear the Trojans down	Lipscomb Easily.	Bisons The only question is: Will we win by 40 or by 50?	Lipscomb Buchert is like Greece"d" lightning
WOMEN Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt	Tennessee Refer to #5.	UT Used to be good game. TN will win handily	UT Not a contest.	Lady Vols Three Meeks outscore all ten Vandy players	TN It won't be pretty
Lipscomb	Lipscomb Could it be any other way?	Lipscomb More depth, experience than	Lipscomb No problem.	Lady Bisons Watch out TNU!! There'll be	Lipscomb Lady Bisons win big

	Your picks
Miss. St. vs. Tennessee	Name
Arkansas vs. Vanderbilt	Phone Number
Kentucky vs. Alabama	Tie Breaker
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Ohio St. vs. Purdue	Contest Rules
Minnesota vs. Michigan	 All entries must be received by <i>The Babbler</i> by Fri. at 6pm Only one entry per contestant per week.
Kansas vs. Colorado	3. Students may be top picker of week more than once but will only be entered into final drawing one time.
Lipscomb vs. Trevecca	4. In case of tie for top picker of week after tie breaker, a coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.
WOMEN	5. Top student picker each week will win a free pizza and will be entered into the final drawing for two (2) tickets
Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt	to a Chaffin's Barn production. Contest open to entire Lipscomb community but prizes
Lipscomb vs. Trevecca	will be awarded to students only.

Overall Records

Steve Shirley 17-5 Kim Chaudoin 16-6 Matt Baggett 12-10 Krista Brantly 11-11

Guest Guessers 11-11 Maybe we can get this

paper out in time for you to turn in your picks before deadline. If so, look here next week for the "I Beat The Babbler" and the overall student winners.

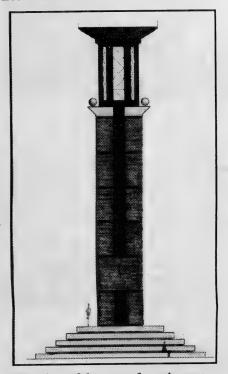
Allen donation to fund carillon tower

BY BUDDY JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

A father will pay tribute to the memory of his son through a new Lipscomb landmark

James C. Allen, father of Michael Allen, is funding the construction of a 35bell carillon tower that will be named in his son's honor.

Michael Allen died in an automobile accident while a high school senior in St. Louis in 1987.



The view of the tower from the east.

Jim Allen was chief financial officer of Lipscomb from during the Hazelip administration and currently serves on the university's board of directors.

"We were really fortunate to have him come on board," said former president and current Chancellor Harold Hazelip.

Dr. William Tucker, vice president of university relations, credits Allen and his peers with the majority of recent campus improvements.

"Jim, working in coordination with then President Hazelip, was the visionary behind Lipscomb's expansion."

Allen was an integral part in setting up the bond issue which funded these expansions and renovations.

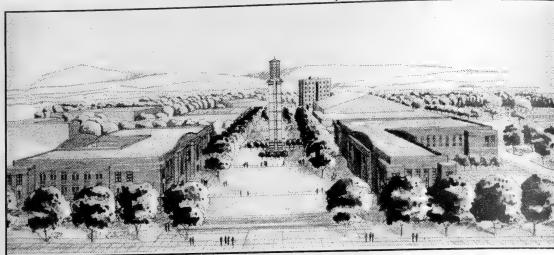
The tower has been in Lipscomb's master plan designed by Tuck Hinton, Architects, since 1988.

The tower will be 100 feet tall. It will be located at the intersection of the sidewalks between the Swang building, Beaman Library, the SAC and the softball

A set of steps will lead up to the tower on the east side. As for the tower itself, the siding will be brick veneer. The upper level will display bronze inlay between four limestone columns.

However, the beauty of this tower lies not only in the visible, but in the audible as

The 35 bronze bells making up the cen-



ARTIST RENDERINGS BY TUCK HINTON ARCHITECTS

The view of the Michael Allen Tower from Belmont Blvd. Beaman Library is the front left building. The future business building is in the right foreground. High Rise dorm is in the right background.

ter of the tower are currently being cast in France. They will ring for the first time at the May 1999 graduation.

President Steve Flatt said he has developed "a deep respect and friendship" with Jim Allen and his wife, Linda.

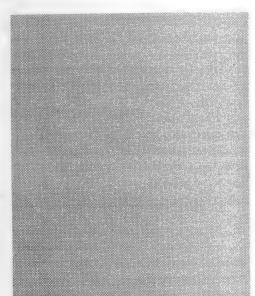
Flatt also said that he didn't know of anyone who loved Lipscomb more than the Allens.

"They are committed to seeing Lipscomb reach her full potential," he said.

Hazelip also praised Allen and his commitment to Lipscomb...

"Jim is a person of high moral and spiritual qualities," he said.

Flatt and Hazelip both agreed that the carillon tower is "a beautiful and appropriate memorial to Michael's memory. "



Rush Fair snapshots: pictures of the excitement



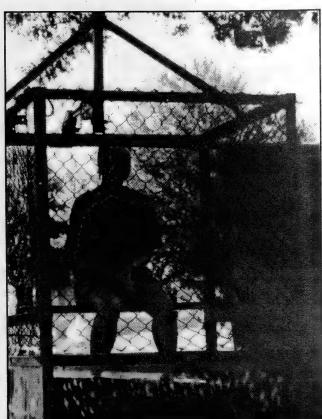
Tau Phi used Rush Fair as an excuse to break out the "Official Lipscomb Grill."



ALL PHOTOS BY JENNIFER HUMPHREY The men of Sigma Iota Delta gather for a photo around the "Orange Crush" car.



Andy Faught goes for a slide for Sigma Chi Delta.



Ashley Caldwell prepares to take a dip in the Pi Delta dunking booth.

Intramurals BASKETBALL

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Lady Hoopsters	40	Shasta 21
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WB	42	Tres Delquintes 57
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Ducks	45	Merle Haggards 42
Big Blue	37	ΓΞ C-Team 30
Gamma Bob	41	Hoppin Honkeys38
Preemptive Strike	26	DALC 37
Cookies n Cream	107	Big Red 56
Grenada	21	TBG All-Stars 45
Custodians	83	Brew Crew 60
Grub Doctors	39	ΣΠΒ 31
АКΨ	97	Flamingoes 50
ΣΙΔ #2	16	WBYA 48

Leading Scorers Through 2-2-98

Name	Team	Average: pts/game
Russell "Dawg" Gentry	Ducks	23.3
Billy "Veechinelli" Snell	Dream Team	21.5
Mark "Cabbie" Cabaniss	Big Red	20.7
Jason Robertson	Hoppin Honkey's	20.5
Todd "In The" Hood	Big Blue	17.7
"Baby" Bryan Ayer	Pink Flamingos	17.3
Jimmy "Tag" Torr	ΓΞ C-Team	15.5
Ben "PSU" Campbell	Big Blue	14.7
Tommy "T-Bags" Holliday	Dream Team	14.3
Shawn Senters	The Team	
Aaron Haithcock	Big Blue	14
Women		
Emily Lile	Chowthopedics	
Jill Smothers	Lady Hoopsters	
Meagan Peirrest	Chowthopedics	9.7
Mandi Shannon	Lady Hoopsters	7.3

Buchert makes Bison debut

BY KRISTA BRANTLY

Faithful Bison fans have noticed a new face in the lineup this week.

It belongs to Hermann Buchert (pronounced boo-hurt), a 6'7", 215 lb. freshman forward from Athens, Greece.

This past fall Buchert enrolled at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, an NCAA Division II school, and was going to play basketball there but decided to transfer to the NAIA. UAF coach Al Sokaitis, who is a friend of Lipscomb coach Don Meyer and is familiar with Lipscomb's basketball program, suggested that he come here.

"He said this is the best program you can go to in this division [the NAIA]," said Buchert. "He was right. There's no doubt about it."

In his two games thus far as a Bison, Buchert has tallied 19 points, pulled down three rebounds and dished out two assists. Fifteen of those points came Monday night against Cumberland when he went 7-of-8 from the field in just nine minutes of play. And he is just getting started. Meyer calls Buchert an enthusiastic, unselfish player.

"He plays hard. He likes to set screens and pass. Scoring is secondary to him. Maybe it's something he should think about more." Meyer also says that Buchert is fitting in well with the team and working to learn the system.

"He has a chance to be a good player. It's very unusual for us to bring a guy in in the middle of the year and for him to be able to play. He's got a long way to go as far as learning our system, but the raw ability is definitely there."

Meyer says Buchert's fellow Bison

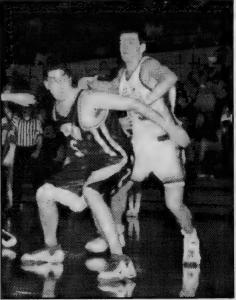


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Hermann Buchert works through the block-out of an opponent.

like him and are helping him adjust. The coach especially credits Bradley Hicks for showing the new guy the ropes, both in practice and around campus.

Buchert says he is glad to be here. "I'm excited because it's a nice place. The program is nice, and the school is good. I'm happy here."

Buchert is undecided on his major. Maybe he should consider languages. He speaks three: Greek, English, and German. It is rumored that he wants to challenge Greek-scholar Dr. Harvey Floyd to a dual to test his mastery of the Greek language.

Hermann Buchert is a welcome addition to Bison Basketball. His energetic play and aggressive defense promise to make him a crowd favorite.

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Bison squad gains momentum, Meyer approaches win #700

BY KRISTA BRANTLY STAFF WRITER

The #15 Bison handed Martin Methodist its first conference loss of the season Saturday in McQuiddy, beating the Indians 83-69. Lipscomb put the first points on the board, and although the Indians were able to keep it close throughout the first half, they lead never changed hands

The Bison led by as much as 10 in the first half but were only up by five at the break. The Indians were able to close the lead to two in the early minutes of the second half. The Bison, however, responded with at 14-4 run and never looked back, maintaining a minimum of a 10 point lead for the remainder of the game.

The Bison connected on 52% (10-19) of their threes and shot 51% on the night, and they outrebounded the opponent 44-33. The Bison bench outscored that of the Indians 40-24. Lipscomb had 10 turnovers, and Martin Methodist had 7, far below average for both teams.

Five Bison scored in double figures, led by Antrone Rogers' 16 points, including 3-of-4 threes. Freshman Adam Sonn contributed 15, Allen Sharpe 11 and Clancy Hall 10. Bryan Farmer's 14 points moved him into 12th place on the Lipscomb all-time scoring list. As of Saturday he had 1,662 career points. Hall had a game-high nine rebounds. Other scorers included Jomo Dopwell with 4 and Greg Watson, Kyle Stephens and Jammie Turner with 3 each. Hermann Buchert, a freshman

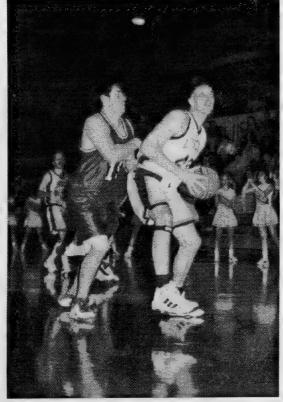


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Adam Sonn goes up for a shot against Cumberland University.

transfer from University of Alaska-Fairbanks, made his debut as a Bison, contributing 4 points and two assists. Sharpe and Farmer had five assists each, and Dopwell pulled down seven rebounds.

Martin Methodist shot just 39% (26-66). They had three players in double figures led by John Zimmerman's 18 points.

"I thought our defensive pressure was key," said Lipscomb head coach Don Meyer. "We held their leading scorer, John Johnson, without a field goal until the eight minute mark of the second half." Johnson finished with just 6 points, far below his season average of 15.4.

Monday the Bison welcomed non-conference foe Cumberland University. The meeting was a make-up for a cancelled tournament game at Cumberland earlier in the season. After five lead-changes in the opening six and a half minutes of the game, the Bison used an 11-2 run to gain permanent control of the game to defeat the Bulldogs 95-72.

The lead grew steadily throughout the first half to a 21-point margin at the intermission. The Bison maintained a lead of no less than 20 and as much as 33 in the second half. Lipscomb hit 58% (25-60) from the field and an astounding 63% (10-16) of their threes. Cumberland shot 44% from the floor and only 23% from behind the arc. LU was 83% (15-18) from the free throw line.

Rogers led all scorers with 19 points as he knocked down 4-of-5 three pointers. Buchert scored 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting in just nine minutes in his second game as a Bison. Turner had 11 points, seven rebounds, four assists and five steals. Hall added 10 points and seven rebounds.

"We played pretty hard," said Meyer.
"I thought Hermann shot the ball well,
passed well, and the physical part of the

Meyer. "We held their leading scorgame didn't seem to bother him. He er John Johnson, without a field goal seemed to enjoy it."

Also adding to the tally were Farmer, Dopwell and Sonn with 8 a piece, Sharpe 6, Childress 5, Stephens 4 and Watson 1. The Bison excited the crowd with three impressive dunks in the second half.

"Jomo's dunk was unbelievable because he took off from so far up the lane," said Meyer. "You've got to get some good passes to get dunks."

Cumberland was led by Phoeron Scott and Scott Hallums, each tossing in 12 points. Rebounding was almost evenly distributed among the two teams (LU 30, CU 28). The Bulldogs committed 21 turnovers to the Bison's 14.

The win improved Lipscomb's record to 20-4, giving them their 16th straight 20-win season, the 20th of Coach Meyer's 27 years at LU. The victory also marked the 697th of Meyer's career to move him past Lou Henson to #17 on the list of all-time winningest college basketball coaches.

The Bison travel to Birmingham, Alabama Thursday to take on #16 Birmingham-Southern in an important Transouth Conference matchup. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be aired on WAMB 1160 AM/98.7FM.

"It'll be fun to play Birmingham," said Meyer. "They're great perimeter shooters."

The Bison play cross-town rival Trevecca Nazarene at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 6th. ■

This week in

Lady Bisons look to stay hungry in conference

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

You never what to tell a team that they are the overwhelming favorite in a game.

Comments like those lead to complacency and upsets.

But going into the next four games, the Lady Bisons will be heavily favored in each matchup.

Heather Douglas, a senior on the team, said that the Lady Bisons make it a point to remain focused on the games ahead and don't let talk of easy games get to them.

"Coach Bennett never says a team is not good," she said. "He may talk about their record or their recent games. We instead focus on what match-up problems each team will present."

Douglas said that preparation is vital to beating teams, no matter what their records.

"We can't take anyone lightly," she said. "We have to go in prepared. We have to be strong against every team and win the games we should."

Julie Vaughn, another senior on the team, said that it is easy for the team to focus on opponents when they know the other team is preparing hard to beat them.

"Just look at Trevecca, " she said.
"They may not have that good a record

(11-11, 3-3), but their coach and their team has been scouting us a lot. They've been preparing for us all season. We have to go out there and play our game in order to beat them."

Vaughn said mental toughness is a key in playing well against teams with weaker records

"We can't take anyone lightly," she said. "We go in thinking it's like any other big game. We have to be mentally prepared to play. Otherwise, we'll lose."

Douglas said there was another motivating factor for the team to play well every game.

"Union is out there ahead of us in the rankings," she said. "We have to keep pace with them going into our game here if we want a shot at winning the conference. We can't count on anyone else beating them for us. But if we lose before then, our game [with Union] won't matter."

The Lady Bisons did their part in keeping pace with Union against Martin Methodist Saturday night.

The Lady Bisons won the game 79-61 on the strength of Rachel Stark's 21 points. Kinisha Perry followed right behind with a total 19 points.

A highlight for the Lady Bisons were their 46 rebounds on the night.

Coach Frank Bennett was pleased with



FILE PHOTO

Rachel Stark shoots over an opponent.

the team's effort on the glass.

"We did a great job of rebounding," he said. "We really attacked the boards and got aggressive underneath. We now have to organize and get ready for the long haul to conclude the rest of the regular season."

For their part, the Lady Bisons seem willing to focus on each game one at a time and not overlook anyone.

Lipscomb Sports:

Women's Basketball

Feb. 4 Blue Mt.

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New murals unveiled in Student Center

BY CHRISTY JUSTICE **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Two new murals were unveiled in the Student Center on Thursday.

The murals, which depict columns on the front of the Student Center and Elam Hall, were created by students in the twodimensional design class offered during the fall semester.

"We chose the buildings because they both have columns, which gave consistency to the project," said Ted Rose, professor of art and chair of the department. "The buildings also presented a subject which could be looked up at."

The murals, which Rose describes as contemporary views of a traditional subject, are products of months of hard work and planning.

Each mural is six feet by eight feet and reflects the work of 16 students.

At the unveiling President Flatt said that he likes the murals because they reflect both the heritage of the school and show that we are looking upward to the

Rose hopes that students will be able to continue creating and displaying their art work on campus.

"I hope the murals will give a better

sense of the art department's presence on campus," said Rose. "Our students are very talented and they need to be recognized for their abilities."

According to Rose the murals provided students with a valuable experience because few students get the opportunity to work on a project of this scale.

"Working on a project of that scale was a challenge," said junior Michael Fairchild, who worked on the murals. "As a team we all learned a lot about what it takes to work together to bring about a composition."

Students in the two dimensional design class were also able to benefit from working together to create the mural.

The entire university is also able to benefit from the addition of student artwork to locations around

Rose said that several people on campus had already commented how nice it is to fill some of the blank wall space in buildings with the unique student

A plaque listing the names of the stu-

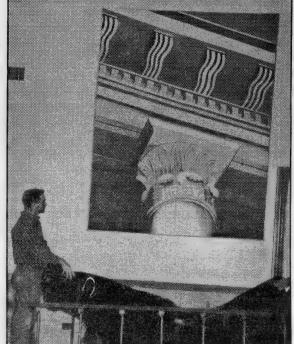


PHOTO BY CHRISTY JUSTICE

Junior Michael Fairchild unveils the mural of Elam Hall.

> dents who worked on the project will be placed by each mural this week.

Students in the art department are currently working on a large outdoor mural for Omni Art Supply.

"Juniors and seniors should be mature

enough to regulate their own hours," he

said. "The reality is that at age 21, which is

Flatt to announce curfew change in chapel

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

In his chapel talk Monday, SGA president Matthew McInteer told students that changes to the curfew policy are set to be announced soon by the administration.

The Babbler has learned that President Steve Flatt will announce the new curfew policy in chapel on Monday.

"I will make an announcement in chapel Monday about curfew," Flatt told The Babbler. "That announcement will come within the context of a talk about updates about what we want to do about our food service plan and dormitory life on campus."

Flatt will explain a "flexible curfew" policy that allows juniors and seniors living in the dorms the freedom to come and go as they please.

"We still intend to have a midnight curfew," Flatt said. "What that means is we will still check at midnight to see who is in and who is out of their rooms. But if you are a junior or senior, you do not have to be in your room.

"When you do come in, you will still have to sign in. You don't have to get a third degree. You come in at two o'clock or at three o'clock, it's alright. "

Flatt said the changes come about in part from the efforts of the SGA. He praised the efforts and contributions of the

McInteer told students in chapel that the SGA has been working on this change for some time.

"We passed a proposal last year free dorms for juniors seniors," he said. hours. "I believe the new curfew policy is an outgrowth of those efforts."

'Juniors and seniors ty.' calling for curfew should be mature enough that with several to regulate their own

explaining the new curfew policy an environment

Flatt said one of the primary goals of will want to remain on campus. the changes is to improve the overall campus experience.

"We think this will encourage students to remain on campus," he said. "It will help us get more out of total campus living to have juniors and seniors on campus."

Flatt said it is only natural that juniors and seniors be afforded more freedoms when it comes to curfew.

an age that encompasses most of our juniors and seniors, students can live off campus where they have no curfew at all. Under these changes, if you came in at two and wanted to go back out at three, you'd have that flexibili-Flatt explained

of the projects and changes underway on campus, the university soon President Flatt hopes to provide where students

"We think we will be able to offer everything students want," Flatt said. "Why live off campus? Why drive to school everyday? Why not live here in the center of campus activity."

Flatt said that some might call the changes "just a semantic game." But he disagrees with those who label the changes

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SGA

SGA appoints three to fill vacancies

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

You'll find some new faces on the SGA this semester.

Holly Parrot, Jackson Ware and Laura Williams were selected by the SGA Monday night to fill three vacancies on the

SGA president Matthew McInteer said that these three students are excellent additions to the Senate.

"I have full confidence in their abilities and their willingness to work," he told the senators at Monday night's meeting. "These three students will represent the student body well."

Holly Parrot is a junior who will fill an at-large vacancy. She was nominated to the position by the SGA officers.

"I have had the opportunity to work on the enrollment task force with Holly," McInteer said. "I have seen first hand the intelligence and determination that she brings to a task. She listens to both sides of the argument and can come to a fair and equal decision."

Parrot said she is excited about the opportunity to join the students and in particular the chance to improve campus life.

"Really enriching that area [campus life] is where I would like to concentrate my efforts," she said. "If I can have any part in enhancing that experience for students, I will jump at the opportunity."

Jackson Ware will fill the freshman senator vacancy. He was nominated by the freshman representatives and by Steve Neil in particular.

"I've known Jackson since the first of the year," Neil said. "When I saw him doing something, he didn't give just half effort, he gave it a full effort. I just see him being a real dedicated student who will represent the students well."

Ware said he hopes to bring new energy to the position in order to best represent the freshman class.

"I hope to add some hard work," Ware said. "I will do my best to represent the freshman class. I also want to let my classmates know that I will do my best with whatever they hand me."

Laura Williams is a junior who is no stranger to the SGA. She served as a class representative in both her freshman and sophomore years.

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Your World at a Glance

International

Jordan's King Hussein buried over the weekend after loosing his battle to cancer. Thousands of mourners poured onto the streets of Amman to pay respects to Hussein. Hussein's son Prince Abdullah has now ascended to his fathers position as King of Jordan.

Three hundred people are still missing after a ferry sank over the weekend in central Indonesia. The search for possible survivors has be hindered by bad weather.

A snow storm throughout parts of Europe has caused an avalanche in the French Alps. The avalanche is being blamed for the deaths of five people.

Russia began a drive to outlaw the Jehovah's Witnesses earlier this week, accusing them of causing religious strife. The country passed a new law on religion in 1997 recognizing only four "traditional" faiths. The law requires any faith other than these four to maintain a continuous 15 -year presence in the country before they can worship publicly. Christianity is not acknowledged as one of the "traditional" faiths.

National

The Senate began its closed door debate over the impeachment trial of President Clinton this week. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the



The Bison show what they are made of during their game against Trevecca last week.

allegations against the President on Thursday.

An Olympic ethics committee has found some organizers of the Salt Lake City games guilty of wrongdoing. The accusations were made after an internal investigation and include ethical, not criminal, wrongdoing.

The state of Virginia offered to pay \$2 million to each of the girls who were switched at birth at the University of Virginia Medical Center in 1995. The offer has been rejected by lawyers for Paula Johnson, the mother of one of the little girls.

Local

Gov. Don Sundquist gave his annu- Service Merchandise announced

al State of the State address on Monday night. In his speech the governor announced new changes to state taxes.

The daughters of Tammy Wynette will have to keep looking for answers about their mothers death. A Nashville medical examiner refused on Wednesday to ask that Wynette's body be exhumed for an autopsy.

A 14-year-old boy from Goodlettsville was killed Wednesday night after being run over by a train. The boy was apparently playing "chicken" on the tracks with a 13-year-old friend.

Business

that it will close 134 of its stores in order to reduce the company's debt. The company, which was founded in Nashville, hopes to reinvent itself and create a new business

Saturn Corp. has announced plans to host its homecoming celebration for customers again in 1999. The event will be held at the plant in Spring Hill on July 30-31.

Entertainment

The 1999 Oscar nominations were announced on Monday. The comedy "Shakespeare in Love" received nominations in 13 categories. "Saving Private Ryan" followed with 11 nominations while "Life is Beautiful" and "Elizabeth" each gained seven nominations. The Academy Awards will be handed out on March 21 in Los Angeles. This year's awards ceremony will be hosted by Whoopi Goldberg.

Sports

Lipscomb's Coach Don Meyer continues the pursuit of his 700th win as a college basketball coach. The Bisons play Berry tonight here on campus.

The New York Knicks gained their first victory of the season Wednesday night with a victory over the Vashington Wizzards. The 101-88 victory came without the help of Latrell Sprewell, who is out with a stress fracture in his right heel.

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Trouble finding your Valentine? Try some of these lines

BY KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

Someone once said that the concept of romantic love is a particularly modern notion.

A hundred or so years ago, couples were matched up by their families and didn't think twice about it. Well, with sophistication comes responsibility, so if modern mate seekers are going to have the freedom to choose who they want to be with, they often have to accept the responsibility of making the first move.

So, for all of you out there trying to live up to the unwritten Lipscomb expectation of being married, engaged, or "promised" by the time you graduate--or even if you just want a date for Valentine's Day--here are a few "introduction catalysts" to get the ball rolling.

Let's start by keeping it all in the family. Since dads were usually the ones to work out the details of a marriage contract, it's no wonder that paternal pick-up lines work so well in the modern world.

Kevin Self, for example, can sometimes be heard saying, "Is your dad a thief? Because he stole the stars and put them in your eyes."

Dustin Ellis, too, has a dad line that is 'sort of spacey.' He often introduces himself by saying "Your dad must have been an alien, because you are out of this world.'

Some professors, though already married and fathers themselves, try to give their students an advantage in the dating game. The heart-grabbing line, "Was your dad a terrorist? Because you're the bomb!" has been attributed to Dr. Paul Prill on more than one occasion.

There is also a rumor that Dr. Kenneth Schott wooed his wife by beginning their first conversation with, "Hey baby, let's go study Aristotle." Only Dr. (and Mrs.) Schott know the truth of that rumor.

Lipscomb is, of course, a Christian school, so it is only fitting that courting occur in religious settings.

Since couples at Lipscomb are concerned for each other's spiritual well-being, it is not surprising that lines such as, "Your name must be Grace because, baby, you're amazing," work so well for Tim Wrinkle.

Josh Dern can often be overheard saying "Did you hurt yourself when you fell from heaven?" before reducing a woman to mush.

Chris Cobb shows concern for the state of the object of affections soul as well as general interest when he asks her, "Was it a sin that you stole my heart?"

Almost every guy surveyed said that "Are you tired? Because you've been running through my mind all day," was one of the first pick-up lines that came into their minds. While it's sweet, flattering, etc, I would advise going for a more creative line to avoid the risk of her having heard it

Dustin Ellis, for example, is almost certain that the line: "Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten-Isee," is the reason that he's had so much success with the ladies.

Even if this line fails, however, Ellis has a back-up plan. He says, "I hope you know CPR because you just took my breath away."

Ellis and friend Brandon Baxter must pool their creative energy. Baxter's introduction, "Is your last name Gilette? Because you're the best a man can get,"

will start a lively conversation at the very

If, of course, the thought of using any of these lines with their unexpected twists leaves your stomach tied up in knots, the direct approach often works just as well.

Kory Crow's pick-up line, "Hey, I'm in a band," makes it very clear that he is interromantic, you can't deny his logic.

Pat Ford goes for a no-holds-barred approach when he's interested in a girl. He says, "I like you a lot. Will you go out with me?" Although this is a very brave thing to do, I can't say that I recommend it. The whole idea of honesty goes against the basic principles of pick-up lines, don't you

think?

For the English major: "Your eyes are blue like the ocean, and baby I'm lost at sea." Dustin Ellis (there he goes again!)

For the Education major: "If I could re-arrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together." ---Lynda Bialon

For the Philosophy major: "Do you believe in love at first sight, or should

I walk by again?" -- Russ Nabors

For the Physics major, "Is it hot in here, or is that you?" -- Buck Mizell. Oh, come on--ever heard of thermo dynamics?

For the Mass Communications major: "I write for The Babbler. Could you tell me some pick-up lines?" (Snicker, snick-

These are simply a few suggestions in the hope that this Valentine's Day is one of your best. If you don't like any of these, or if all else fails, simply fall back on the timeless classic, "Hey, baby, what's your

Some lines to remember:

"Are you from Tennesee? Because you're the only ten-I-see." - Dustin Ellis

"Your name must be Grace because, baby, your amazing." - Tim Wrinkle

'Are you gonna eat that?" - Dave Parker

"Hey, I'm in a band." - Kory Crow

"If I could re-arrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together." - Lynda Bialon

ested in music. The real genius of this line is that an interested girl will ask "which band?" while an un-interested girl will simply take it as a statement of fact and not hold it against him.

"Hi, I'm John Cantrell...I'll give you a moment to catch your breath." I don't think that needs explaining.

When Dave Parker introduces himself to a girl in Marriott by saying, "Are you gonna eat that?" he usually walks away having made a new friend. If he walks away at all.

And while Clint Carlin's line, "I'm not the best looking guy here, but I'm the only one talking to you," isn't particularly

Campus technology booms with three new websites

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McDowell.

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb students can now enjoy the best of technology with three new web-

Websites are being created for the new radio station and SGA and the bookstore added a site at the end of the fall semester. Each of the pages offer students new avenues to locate information about Lipscomb on or off campus.

As the radio station gears up to begin broadthe only ones who will be able to enjoy the shows. will use real audio to broadcast all over the world. world. It will also have a schedule of disk jockey's and have a listing of special events.

The Lipscomb student radio is the first time that Lipscomb life will be broadcast live across the world," said SGA senator

The technical end of the station is being handled by Brad Ward, who sees the project as a movement toward the goals of university President Steve Flatt.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work with the SGA on this project," said Ward. "We saw this as one small step towards President Flatt's goal of insuring that technology is used to the fullest extent."

The web page's design will be selected

The Lipscomb student entries into casting next week, students at Lipscomb aren't radio is the first time that that ended Lipscomb life will be Feb.4. W e The radio station's page broadcast live across the want to tap

Chuck Jones Dean Scott

The new SGA page will allow students another way to stay in touch with campus life. The SGA plans for their page to provide students with easier access to senators.

This website will include biographies and e-mail addresses of the senators as well as reports of each meeting. Alumni will also be able to see what is going on with the SGA through this page.

"I think the website will allow people everywhere to know the

exciting things that are going on with Lipscomb students," said Jeannie allow people everywhere

SGA Matthew McInteer has high hopes for the web- things that are going on ments or sug-

"Having an SGA with Lipscomb students. web page will hopefully bring us up to speed in better ways to get com-

munications out to and from the students,"

The bookstore website, which is already completed, will allow students to purchase merchandise, including textbooks, from their own home or dorm room. Students can have their purchases delivered to an off-campus address or pick them up at the bookstore. The page still has

some problems but should be running smoothly before next semester.

Mark Andrews, the bookstore manager, invites students comments and hopes the new page will help the store serve students.

"We are hear to serve the students," said

Andrews. "If there is any-I think the website will thing we can do to serve the students better President, to know the exciting or if students gestions we would love to hear them. Jeannie Propst

The bookstore website

he reached www.lipscomb.bkstr.com or through a link on the University's home page.

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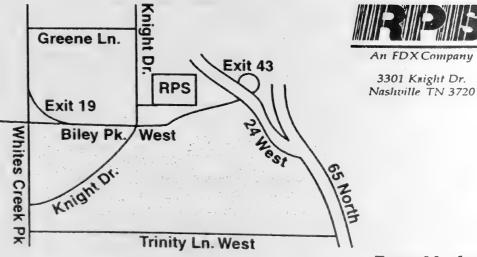


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From Nashville

SGA allocates \$2735 to student production New senators

A new, student movie to be shown in April now has the financial backing of the SGA.

The SGA voted 18-1 to give Drew Talbert \$2,735 to help produce his movie "Writer's Night."

Talbert calls the movie a "pseudo-documentary poking fun, and at the same time fondly examining, a small college Writer's Night through the eyes of Porter, a young man in search of an outlet for his own creativity."

The premise is based on the Writer's Nights currently hosted by the SGA.

Talbert said that one of the unique facets of the movie is that it will feature an original soundtrack and score written by and professionally recorded by current and former Lipscomb students Chuck Jones, Jessica Haslam, Brian Hoppes and Weatherspoon, Jason Miller, Nathan Whitehead, Landon Stubblefield and D.J.

A large portion of the money, approximately \$1,250, will be used to record a CD containing the movie's soundtrack.

In his proposal to the SGA, Talbert said the movie will have a distinctively

"'Writer's Night' will feature a cast made up of Lipscomb students, a soundtrack created by Lipscomb students and will be able to be seen at a grand premiere by all Lipscomb at some point in the month of April," he said.

Talbert explained that the CD of the movie's music will be available for students to purchase after the movie.

"The soundtrack will be available to purchase by anyone interested," Talbert said. "It will create an opportunity for all Lipscomb students to own a CD with their peers' creative songs. The [selling] of the CDs will also offset the cost of the project and create a way for me to pay back as much of the allocation as possible."

has decided to help back his efforts.

"I think the project is an exciting one," he said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for the SGA to sponsor an entertaining event, not only for the Lipscomb community, but also by the Lipscomb community."

Talbert said he expects to show the movie for the first time in mid-April.

How the Senate voted:

The Senate voted on a proposal to allocate \$2735 to a movie production by Drew Talbert. The proposal passed 18-1. Michael Thomas was the lone senator who voted against the proposal.

Amy Rieder and Patrick Sullivan were absent from the vote.

ready to serve

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"I am very excited to be able to serve on the SGA again for the remainder of the year," Williams said. "I enjoyed the work and the involvement on campus."

Williams said conflicts prevented here from running for senator last semester but that with a lack of conflicts this semester, she is eager to serve the junior class.

"I was not able to participate on SGA last semester due to some previous commitments," she said. "But I now have the ability and desire to finish out the rest of the semester.'

Williams served on the Entertainment and Spiritual Life committees during here two years with the SGA.

The three students have already begun working on projects for the SGA and have asked that students feel free to offer suggestions or comments.

Curfew to become 'flexible'

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as no curfew.

"No curfew means we don't check," he said. "We wouldn't know if you're here or not here. I think that goes against the grain of what we are as a Christian university. I think when you really care about someone you're going to take the extra effort.

We are still going to check rooms at curfew. If a junior or senior isn't in, we will know. It's just that we are going to provide those students a bit more freedom as adults to come and go as they please."

Flatt explained that by maintaining a curfew and checking rooms, the university will be able to tell if a student is absent or

"There are horror stories at universities where a student has been dead for over a

week and no one knew it," Flatt said. "That's not going to happen here. We're going to know if someone didn't come in. Why? Because we care. We think that's a

While Flatt will make the announcement in chapel Monday, Scott McDowell, assistant vice president and dean of campus life, said the administration is still working on the plan.

"Changes are coming," he said. "But the details are still be worked out."

Flatt said that, ultimately, the success of the changes will be determined by the

"We will have to see how these changes are accepted by the students," he said. "I hope they feel like the new plan is an improvement on campus life."

The Lipscomb Theater Department will present an evening of One Act plays Feb. 18-20.

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Editorials

Make time to enjoy the arts at Lipscomb

This week our campus got a worthy and noticeable addition. As a result of the hard work of students and faculty in the art department we can all now enjoy the murals in the Student Center.

It is a nice change to see the work of students on our campus that are all too often ignored.

The students and faculty in the School of Fine and Performing Arts should be applauded for the many things they contribute to our campus.

Few schools the size of Lipscomb are blessed with the quality of art, music, and theater that we enjoy.

The success of the these departments

is overwhelming when we consider what they face each day. With a large part of the student body fairly oblivious to their talent and no building to call their own, they make the best of a less than perfect situation.

There is an extraordinary amount of talent among our students and faculty in the School of Fine and Performing Arts. They deserve recognition and thanks from the student body for all of their contributions.

We at *The Babbler* encourage you to find out more about the fine and performing arts here at Lipscomb.

You would be missing out on a won-

derful part of the campus if you neglected to attend their various programs. Whether it be going to a student art show, attending a jazz band concert or the upcoming one act plays, make the time to enjoy the arts. These ar e only a few of the many options students have to experience the arts at Lipscomb.

Look in the school calendar or the coming events section of *The Babbler* and discover the many opportunities you as a student have to enjoy the arts at Lipscomb.

We guarantee that you will not go away disappointed but with a greater appreciation for this vital part of our campus.

The Spiritual Column: spirituality from within

By Barron Jones COLUMNIST

If you're like me, although you recognize that Lipscomb University has its flaws (actually, it's not the university that's flawed, but some individuals who attend here), you have to say that this is a great place to be. For the most part, the student body is "Christian." The Bible is respected as the word of God. There is a deep desire within the majority here to seek spiritual things and spiritual growth. Like I said, a great place to be.

If you're still like me, those are probably some of the reasons you decided to study here. You wanted to be challenged and grow spiritually. You wanted to increase in your knowledge of the Scriptures. You wanted to establish lasting relationships with people who shared your faith convictions. I did too.

Not long after I arrived on campus and began to "settle in," I began to recognize some misconceptions that I had brought with me to school. Coming from a public school background, I had certain expectations for my experience at Lipscomb. I believed that Lipscomb would change me. I thought Lipscomb would make me more spiritual. I thought that simply because I

had decided to avoid the public university, I would be able to easily conquer all of my struggles and temptations. Did you think

We all know that it is not true.

The problem was that I thought that my spirituality was directly dependent upon the external situation in which I found myself. Since this university is a place conducive to spiritual growth, I felt that by merely being here I could solve all of my spiritual problems. Not so.

The sad truth is that we do not only portray this attitude regarding our university situation, but also toward all the other essentials we deem indispensable for a spiritual walk with God (i.e.-My Christian tapes and CD's, my devotional books, etc.). We must learn the important lesson that true spirituality does not necessarily depend upon the present situation. Don't misunderstand me; I believe there are some settings in which it is easier to pursue spiritual growth than others (I'm thankful Lipscomb is one of those places), but simply because I thrust myself into one of those settings does not necessarily mean it will transform my spiritual life. Something more must be transformed.

Listen to the words of Christ: "...What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (Mark 7:20-23).

A key to understanding the source of true spirituality is understanding the source of defilement (uncleanness). Jesus said it comes from within. Jesus was criticized by the Pharisees and Scribes for his alleged outward defilement. Jesus condemned them for their unclean (defiled) heart, which allowed them to lay aside the commandment of God. The problem was from within.

And so it is with you, my fellow-Christian. The problem is from within. But, the good news is that so is the solution! No outside force can ultimately change your spiritual direction, and thank God that no outside force is essential to change it. It's from within. If we will ever "conform to the image of His Son," we must first evaluate and fix our inner situation. That is an essential element in our quest for spiritual growth and a greater relationship with the Master.

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Coming Events

The Lipscomb Artist Series presents Matti Raekallio tonight in Ward Lecture Auditorium. Raekallio, pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

February 15 is the last day for August graduates to petition to walk in May.

The Drama Department will present a series of one-act plays Feb. 18-20 in Arena Theater. The shows begin nightly at 7:30 and admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Brown at ext. 2367.

The Lipscomb University Jazz Band will present its winter concert Feb. 18 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The Lipscomb University Concert Band will present its winter concert Feb. 22 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call the music department at ext. 2258.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held Feb. 22-25. Call the Career Center at 1792 for more information.

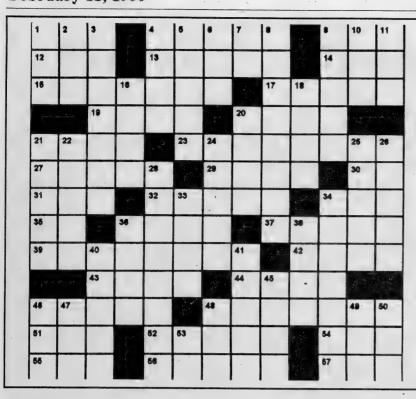
The Red Cross will conduct its spring blood drive Feb. 23-25.

Singarama '99 will be held March 4-6 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium.

The last day to drop classes is March 10.

The Artist Series will feature pianist William Black on March 11. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be held in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

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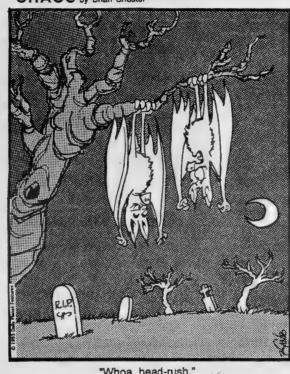
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Maybe we can get this paper out in time for you to turn in your picks before deadline. If so, look here next week for the "I Beat The Babbler" and the overall student winners.

Simms dedication evident on, off b-ball court

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

For Shelley Simms, life at Lipscomb consists of God, academics and athletics. In that order.

Simms, the Lady Bisons' freshman point guard, said she came to Lipscomb because of the combination of all three

"Lipscomb has terrific academic and athletic programs within a wonderful Christian atmosphere," she said. "I feel like this is where God wants me to be."

Simms has captured the attention of Lady Bison fans with her impressive play as the team's point guard. Coach Frank Bennett is one of Shelley's biggest admir-

"I think the point guard position requires so much of a player as far as leadership and control of the flow of the game," Bennett said. "From that standpoint, Shelley had to step into a difficult role as a freshman. But she has excelled in that role. Her stats aren't that impressive, but I think she has made tremendous contributions to our team."

For those that know Simms well, one of her most impressive traits is her dedication to academics.

Shelley's roommate, Christi Simms (no relation), said that Shelley is a tireless student with her acad-

emics.

"She's a really hard worker," Christi God wants me to be. said. "Her grades last semester tell you what kind of student she is.

[Studying] is what she spends most of her time doing.'

Lady Bison assistant coach April St. John said Shelley excels in the classroom because she wants to.

"Shelley determined that she wants to succeed in the classroom," St. John said. "She will put in the extra effort to get it done. She is very efficient in how she uses her time, studying on the bus on the trips."

Simms, who was valedictorian of her high school class and who earned a 4.0 her first semester, said that her studies have always been important and that she feels she faces a unique challenge as an studentathlete.

"It seems about all I do is play basketball and study," she said. "Getting into med school is very important to me. I figure that outside shot. I am not considered the time I spend on the basketball court, others are spending studying. So I need to make that much more of an effort."

Simms said her attention to detail helped ease her transition into the Lipscomb program.

"I just try to pay attention to what the coaches tell us," Simms said. "I can pick it up pretty quickly if I just listen closely."

The Lady Bisons coaching staff was still surprised with the ease with which Simms made the transition to the Lipscomb

"I just couldn't imagine that a freshman could come in and compete the way Shelley has," St. John said. "She is always on the floor setting a tone for our team. A freshman comes in here and shows how to get after it."

Bennett agreed that Simms' classroom dedication has helped her basketball

"It carries over to basketball," he said. "When I say something to her, she has thought ahead about what it will mean in a game situation. She is a student of the game as well as academically."

Simms feels that her primary goal as point guard is to provide on-court leadership and ballhandling in order to help her teammates score.

"If I'm running the offense, I have to

set the tone," I feel like this is where she said. "If I'm out there turning the ball over, I Shelley Simms can't help our the assists, it is

> just a matter of knowing our personnel and getting them the ball where they can score."

Simms said that playing the point has always been her role on the court.

"I've just always been the ballhandler," she said. "It is in my blood. I've just grown up playing point guard since I was about seven years old. I've never played anything else at all.'

Simms' focus on passing has gotten her into some trouble with the coaching

"Sometimes I think pass more than I think shoot," she said. "The coaches have gotten on to me to look for my shot when it is there. I know teams are focusing in on our posts. That is going to open up the a scorer but I have to step up my shot when the looks are open."

Bennett said that if Simms doesn't look for her shot, teams will adjust accordingly.

"We can't hardly get her to shoot unless she has to," Bennett said. "She is a good three-point shooter. But if she doesn't look to shoot, teams will play off her and clog up the offense.

"She has been looking for her shot more these past ten games," Bennett said. "And her shooting percentage has gone up as well."

While her shooting may be somewhat questionable, St. John said that Simms provides leadership from her play, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"Because she is a freshman. I don't know if Shelley feels comfortable giving commands to her teammates," St. John said. "Instead, her leadership comes from hard, gut playing. She wreaks having on people handling the ball. She is like the energizer bunny with her defensive pressure.

"And her ball handling is just fantastic. Her assist to turnover is phenomenal for a freshman."

One of the more interesting stories about Simms is her ice cream decorating contests with coach April St. John. The two compete on road trips by seeing who can create the most impressive decoration on an ice cream sundae.

"The ice cream contest goes back to the Stacia Blackwell (Lady Bison point guard 1990-94) years," St. John said. "The contest is between the reigning point guard and myself."

St. John, who leads the contest 2-1, said that Simms has not lived up to the standards set by her "esteemed predeces-

"Shelley has gone down hard this year," St. John said. "She has taken a lot of bad advice from the likes of Julie [Vaughn] and Rachel [Stark.] They haven't done her well. The judges have burst out laughing at some of her decorations. She really needs to shore it up a

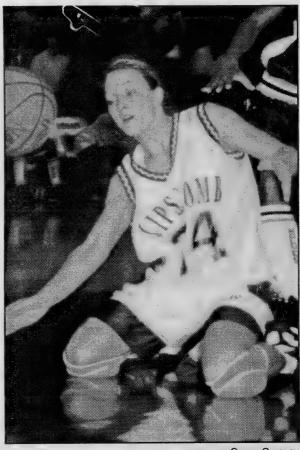


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Shelley Simms shows the defensive intensity that has endeared here to her coaches, teammates and fans.

> Simms said she is ready to take the lead in next week's road trip to Arkansas.

"I'm feeling it now," Simms said. "I'm planning my strategies. [Coach St. John] better be aware. Even though she picks the judges, which I don't think is quite fair, I am going to take the lead and claim the victory."

Simms said that the ice cream decorating contest is just one example of how the team has come together this year.

"We're all really close," she said. "That closeness carries over to the court. We're still gelling as a team. I don't think we've peaked. Obviously, we're playing a lot better than at the beginning of the year. But still, every game, there are things we need to improve on."

Shelley said that she hopes that the future holds great things for her and her teammates.

"For me, I hope the future holds three more years of playing here at Lipscomb," she said. "For our team, we just want to work at getting better game by game with the ultimate goal being some national championships."

This week in Lipscomb Sports:

Women's Basketball

Feb. 13 Lee 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 Freed Hardeman 6 p.m. Feb. 18 @ Lyon College 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Feb. 13 Lee 8 p.m.

Feb. 15 Freed Hardeman 8 p.m.

Feb. 18 @ Lyon College 8 p.m.

Baseball

Feb. 12 Pikeville College (2) Noon Feb. 14 @ TN Wesleyan (2) 1:30 p.m. Feb 18 @ Univ. of Montevallo (2) TBA

Shelley Simms Stats Page

Class: Freshman Major: Pre-Med Height: 5'6"

Birthdate: 11-15-79 Hometown: Sparta, TN High School: White County

GP Min/Gm FG-FGA Pct. 3FG-3FGA Pct. FT-FTA Pct .292 40-57 .702 22-70 .314 14-48 26.7

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Bison look forward to a busy week

BY KRISTA BRANTLY STAFF WRITER

The Bison suffered a 74-52 loss at Birmingham-Southern last Thursday. Lipscomb's record now stands at 20-5 overall and 4-2 in conference play, and their national ranking is #17, down from #15 in the previous poll.

The Bison were in trouble from the start, trailing 19-1 before scoring their first field goal at the 8:30 mark. At halftime, the score resembled that of a football game, with BSC leading 28-14. This marked the lowest first-half output by a Bison team since the inception of the three-point shot.

The Bison battled back to close the gap to as few as 9, but the Panthers, severely damaging the Bison's conference championship hopes, never let up. Lipscomb shot just 29% (15-51) from the field, including 33% (8-24) from behind the arc. They committed 23 turnovers and hit a miserable 57% from the free throw line.

"It's just unbelievable," said Lipscomb head coach Don Meyer. "Our guys just didn't compete. That's what disappoints me. Not that we lost the game, but that we didn't compete. We got nothing going offensively. We played soft. I've never seen a game quite like it."

Allen Sharpe with 14 points was the only Bison in double figures. The remainder of the points came from Antrone Rogers and Adam Sonn with 8 each, Bryan Farmer with 6, Kevin Rawlings, Kyle Stephens, Jammie Turner and Clancy Hall adding 3 a piece, and Jomo Dopwell and Chris Childress with 2 each.

BSC's shot 56% (9-16) from three-point range. They were led by Clint Spears, who hit 4of-6 treys and had a game high 17 points. The Panthers had two other players in double figures.

Interestingly, rebounding was dead even, with each team pulling down 35. However, BSC had a huge advantage in the pointsoff-turnovers category, scoring 22 to Lipscom-

The Bison had only two days to prepare for their next battle in hos- Adam Sonn prepares to shoot the tile Trevecca territory. ball. And prepare they did,

as they walked away with an 82-56 victory. Although the Trojans were able to keep

it close throughout much of the first half, Lipscomb carried a 14 point lead into the locker room at the break, 41-27.

The Bison maintained their momentum going into the second half, outscoring the Trojans 21-7 over the first half of the period, including a 16-0 run. Despite their intense crowd support, Trevecca was never able to get back into the game.

Rogers, who led all scorers with 20 points, said, "I think we were mentally prepared. We knew it would be tough playing over there but we played good."

"I felt like we needed a game like that

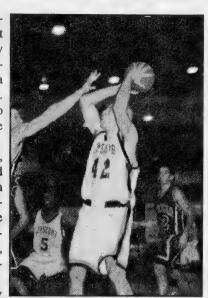


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after losing to Birmingham-Southern," said Childress. "We didn't compete and we just had to get back to competing.'

Lipscomb destroyed Trevecca on the boards, out-rebounding them 50-31. Dopwell had a gamehigh nine rebounds, and Turner and Sonn grabbed 5 each. Completing Bison scoring were Hermann Buchert 12, Dopwell 9, Sharpe and Stephens 8 each, Greg Watson 7, Sonn 6, Turner 5, David Hunt 4 and Farmer 3.

The Bison have a busy week ahead, beginning as they host Berry tonight and Lee on Saturday.

"Berry is a good team with a running offense," said Rogers. "It wears you down and makes you play defense harder. But if we just play harder than them and concentrate on our team game, then we shouldn't have anything to worry about."

Then on Monday, arch-rival Freed-Hardeman will arrive seeking revenge for the loss they suffered at home at the hands of the Bison. Freed will bring the Tran-South leading scorer, Mire Chatman, and a conference record of 3-4. The contest promises to be an exciting one that no true Bison fan should miss.

The Sports Column **Bunch of stuff**

Lots to say with not a lot of room, so let's go quickly.

♦ One: Well, after three months and about ten thousand promises, we finally got the Basketball Special out last week. Hope it was worth the wait.



STEVE SHIRLEY COLUMNIST

◆ Two: Here it is Feb. 11 and that means baseball season is just around the corner. Actually, the season starts tomorrow. If you ask me, that is a bit early for baseball. Then again, nobody asked me.

◆ Three: The next two Monday nights are huge for the Bisons and Lady Bisons.

On the 15th, Lipscomb hosts the "Holy War" as Freed comes to town. This has become one of the top rivalries in the TranSouth.

The other big rivals come into town on the 22nd. The Bisons will be looking for revenge as they were blown out in Jackson. The Lady Bisons are looking for the homecourt advantage after falling by one at Union back in January.

These two games for each squad will go a long way in deciding the conference championships.

◆ Four: With the importance of the Freed and Union home games, it would be nice to see McQuiddy packed to the rafters with fans. The games will be exciting and the on-court action intense. Let's make the home court a true advantage for the teams.

◆ Five: On a related note, as heated as the Union and Freed rivalries are for Lipscomb fans, let's try to act a bit more behaved than the Trevecca fans did Saturday night. I love to heckle and yell as much as anyone, but there is no need to be foul or abusive. It is ridiculous to think that fans can get so out of control that they must be escorted from the court. What does that prove to anyone?

By the way, did anybody else get a look of the two cops Trevecca had for security? Those two looked like they could handle themselves in a rumble. The TNU athletic department must have realized the off-court behavior could get ugly and got the necessary deterrents. I'd say it worked.

◆ Six: Let's give a tip of the hat to Rachel Stark. Against Trevecca, she had an incredible 12 steals, shattering the old Lady Bison record of eight in a game. Without that effort, Trojan fans might have had reason to storm the court after the women's game. Rachel earned co-Tran-South Player of the Week for the effort.

◆ Seven: If you might be interested in writing for this column, give us a call in The Babbler office at 1829.

Lady Bisons prepare for stretch run

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

The Lady Bisons are learning to not take any team lightly.

In Saturday night's game, the Lady Bisons had to fight in order hold to off a determined Lady Trojans squad before a raucous and sometimes rowdy crowd at Trevecca University. The Lady Bisons won the game 98-89.

"I think the Trevecca game was a wakeup," said April St. John, assistant coach for the Lady Bisons. "I can promise you the team isn't asleep anymore. I think the Trevecca experience helped hammer the point home that we can't overlook anybody."

The Lady Bisons won the game on the strength of their defensive pressure. The team recorded 27 steals, including an alltime Lipscomb record of 12 steals by Rachel Stark, and forced a total of 34 INU turnovers.

Stark said the steals were the goal of the presses written up by coach Frank Bennett.

"One of our presses is designed so we can intercept those long passes over the top," she said. "Trevecca wasn't able to make the passes long enough or fast enough. I was just the one who they kept trying to pass over."

St. John explained that teams should Sanders think twice about trying to pass over

"You just can't pass over or around Rachel," she said. "When Rachel is on the ball, she wreaks a lot of havoc on people. That overall pressure for 40 minutes will just wear a person down."

The Lady Bisons will be looking to carry that same pressure over into their next three games.

The team faces off against Berry tonight at 6 p.m. The team will then host Lee on Saturday before Freed-Hardeman comes to town on Monday night.

St. John said the team is looking forward to the matchup with Freed but isn't overlooking Berry or Lee.

"It has been a theme throughout our season to focus on one game at a time," she said. "We can win out and hold our own fate within the conference. But as great as it is too look ahead to Freed or Union, any loss counts just as much. If and pride in this game that really makes it Lee comes in and beats us, it all goes down the drain."

Most Lipscomb fans, however, are already looking ahead to the Freed game. St. John said that the game should provide fans an exciting game.

"I think it will go down to the wire," she said. "They have two great post players in Elam and Sitton plus they have Kara who is a legit All-American candidate. Kinisha may not be ready to play Monday so we will be faced with quite challenge.

"It's going to be really tight and close game. think there is a level of

PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Rachel Stark goes up for two against TNU. competition

Stark said that the team expects Freed

to come in looking for revenge after the Lady Bisons won in Henderson.

"We had a big win there so they will definitely being coming in here looking to beat us on our court," Stark said. "We've just got to stay focused. We want to drill them here too."

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Current NAIA Men's Basketball Poll

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 5. Union (Tenn.)
- 6. Westmont (Calif.)

- 7. Mobile (Ala.)
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 9. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
 10. Biola (Calif.)
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- East Texas Baptist
- Lewis-Clark State
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- 14. Transylvania (Ky)
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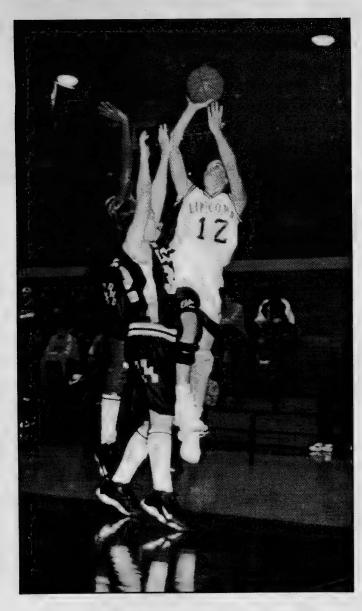
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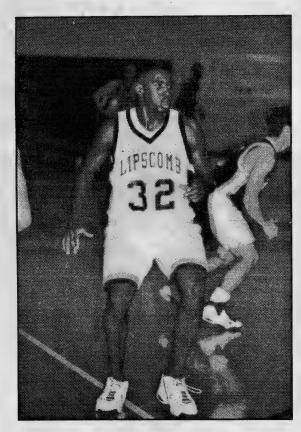
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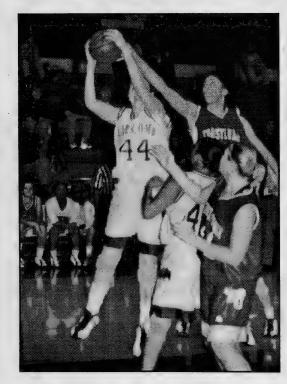
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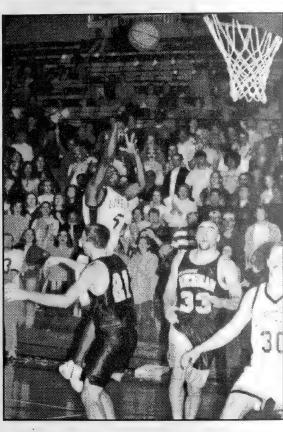


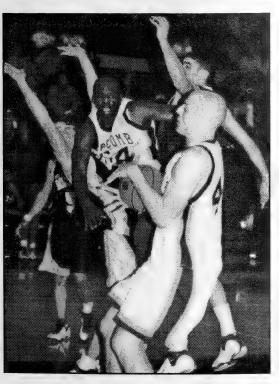












Bryan Farmer

Class	Senior
Major	Health and
Physi	col Education
Birthdate	1-28-76
Height	6252
Weight Hometown	215
Hometown	Huntland
	Tennessee
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Leadership is what Bryan Farmer is all about. He looks to his father for it and he provides it on the court for the Bisons. Farmer is in his fifth year in the Bison Basketball program after redshirting his freshman year. One of his goals for season was to be a leader.

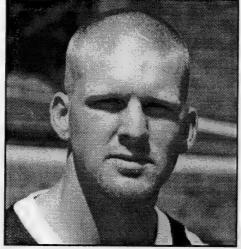
"I want to be a leader. I want the other players to look at me and think 'He's doing his job so I should do mine." he said.

He came to Lipscomb because the program is always successful.

"They're always nationally ranked. You always have something to play for," Farmer said.

Still with a year left as a Bison, Farmer is already one of Lipscomb's top twenty all-time scorers. With lots of time left this season, he looks to move himself further and further up that list.

Bryan is one of those players that can play practically anywhere on the court.



He can shoot the outside jumpshot, but he can also take the ball to the hole and score on the inside.

Scoring is not the only way that Bryan will be an asset to the Bisons. He is also and excellent passer. His defensive skills continue to improve, as well.

Bryan is one of only two seniors on the Bison basketball team this year.

The Bisons can look forward to many more exciting things this season from Bryan Farmer as he leads the Bisons towards that TranSouth and NAIA tournaments in March and February.

He summed everything up best with this comment.

"I only have ten games left as a Bison. I just want to go out there and be a solid player."

-- Matt Baggett

Allen Sharpe

Class	Junior
Major	Health and
P	hysical Education10-8-76
Birthdate	10-8-76
Height	6'0''
Weight	
Hometown	Barbourville,
	Kentucky

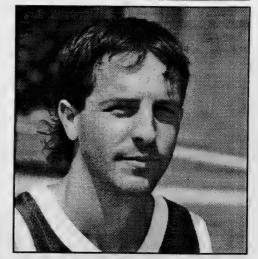
When you watch Allen Sharpe it becomes quite obvious to you that basketball is his game. Although he is extremely serious on the court he is having just as much fun (if not more than) everyone else out there on the court.

He has been around the game since his childhood. His father Gary coached at Arkansas-Monticello. Later his family moved to Barbourville, Kentucky where he attended Knox Central High School.

Sharpe has enjoyed much success on the basketball court. His freshman year as a Bison he was named to the TranSouth Conference All-Freshman team.

He has a drive and competitiveness that is absolutely second to none. The Bisons need a person like that. They are a young team this year.

He, like many of his teammates, can



score both on the inside and the outside. He can shoot the long jumpshot and he has the ability to drive the ball into the paint and score.

This year, Sharpe helped the Bisons to a one point win over Arch rival Freed-Hardeman. With six seconds left, a Freed player missed two free throws and Jomo Dopwell got the rebound. He quickly passed the ball to Sharpe. Sharpe dribbled down the court and proceeded to calmly drain a gamewinning three pointer from about thirty or forty feet away from the basket.

With Sharpe just a junior he can only get better between now and next season. That provides an exciting prospect for next year.

-- Matt Baggett

Jomo Dopwell

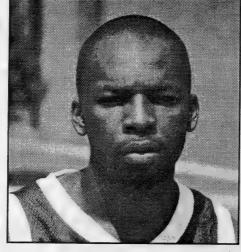
Class	Freshman
Major	
Birthdate	8-2-77
Height	
Weight	190
Hometown	. Mayfield.
	Kentucky

Jomo Dopwell comes from a high school program that was extremely successful. He helped to lead Kentucky's Graves County High School to the Quarterfinals of the State tournament.

While in high school, the 6'3", 190 pound forward, averaged 16.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game. H shot 71% from the field and 75% from the free throw line.

Because of his talents he received several awards. He was named to the All-District Three and Region One All-Tournament teams. He was also named Most Valuable Player in the 1996 Paducah Christmas Basketball tournament.

Coming off a year as a redshirt he is ready to contribute to the success of Bison Basketball. Because of the style of player he is (athletic, quick and a good jumper) Jomo will be a great asset to the Bisons on both the offensive a defensive ends of the court. This set of skills fits perfectly into coach Don Meyer's pressure defense. He will be a



great bonus because he has the ability score both on the outside and on the inside.

So far this season, Dopwell is the lead in Bison rebounding and recently had a career high of thirteen rebounds in one game. Also in that game, he scored thirteen points to give him a double-double.

One interesting fact to note is that Dopwell is originally from St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. He came to the United states to play basketball. He lives with a host family back in Graves County Kentucky.

-- Matt Baggett

Ryan Roller

Class Reds	hirt Freshman
Major	Undecided
Birthdate	3-11-79
Height	5'11
Weight	\dots .160
Hometown	Brentwood,
	Tennessee

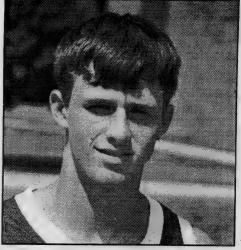
Ryan Roller is quite familiar with success. He attended David Lipscomb High School. While a mustang, he led his team to the sub-state tournament, compiling a 23-10 record on the way.

While in High School, his head coach was his father. Roller said that playing for his father was a great experience.

"I really enjoyed it because he is a great coach and I knew that he was always looking out for his my best interests," he said.

He like many of his Bison teammates received several award for his basketball accomplishments in high School. These awards include being named to the All-District team, being named First-team All-MidState, and Region Most Valuable Player.

Although he won all these awards, Roller is quite humble when i t comes to discussing them. He places team above himself and gives all the credit to



nis teammates.

"It great but winning all those awards wasn't as important as our team. I always had great teammates. I never would have made it this far without them," he said.

This year as a redshirt, he will be a great asset to the Bisons. His great work ethic and desire to compete will make him a good practice opponent as he helps to prepare this year's Bisons and he prepares himself to play next year.

This 5'11", 160 pound guard will be a great leader for the Bisons when he begins play next fall. He will continue to improve and eventually he will become a force for the Bisons.

--Matt Baggett

Greg Watson

Class	Sophomore
Major	Undecided
Birthdate	9-26-77
Height	6'2"
Weight	180
Hometown	Nashville,
Control of the second	Tennessee

When Greg Watson steps out onto the court this year to run the point, you will not only see an outstanding player but an accomplished bass fisher as well.

"I plan to go out and enter some tournaments once I graduate," the sophomore guard from Hazel Green, Alabama said.
"Whenever there is off-time, I am fishing."

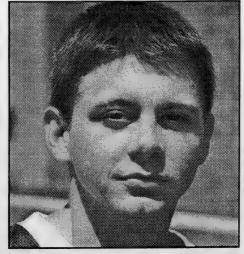
Other than basketball, Greg's favorite pastime is to go out to the lake and catch fish. That's a pretty plain hobby for a player so flashy.

If you can remember back to last season, Greg was a true freshman who played in all the games, and was known as G-Watt to players and fans.

Last year, he wowed the students with his terrific passes that seem to come out of nowhere and his deadly three point shooting

Watson's favorite memory of the 97-98 season was the victory over Union here at Lipscomb. The Bisons beat the Union Bulldogs by 30 on that night.

"We came together as a team that game," he said, "and it was a good feeling to beat Union."



Another interesting fact about Watson is that he is the only player on the Bison basketball team to earn an intramural champion jersey. He played centerfield for the Jumanji spring softball team that brought the trophy home in the spring of '98.

For the upcoming season, Greg and the team have some goals that they wish to accomplish. This year, they want to play as a team, because more can be done that way.

Watson's only individual goal is to help the team become better this season.

In school now, Greg is studying secondary education and coaching. But don't forget that this is only a contingency plan if the professional fishing doesn't pan out. However, there are high hopes that Greg will one day be as great in fishing as he is in basketball.

--by Kyle Gibson

Antrone Rogers

Class	Junior
Major	Business Administration
1	Administration
Birthdate	
Height	6'2"
Weight	195
Hometown	Gosnen,
	Alabama

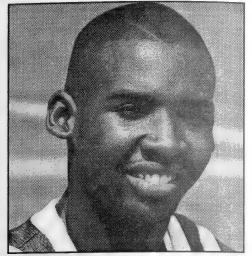
Antrone Rogers has made a name for himself on the court over the past two seasons as a part-time starter for the Bisons. The sharp-shooting Junior will be counted on heavily by Coach Meyer this year, as he is one of the top returning players on the team.

Rogers came to Lipscomb as a top recruit out of Goshen High School. There he was named the state of Alabama's class 2A Mr. Basketball during his Senior season, which he calls his greatest accomplishment in life.

Since arriving here, he has had many memories on the playing floor for the Bisons. His most memorable moment came his Freshman year when the team advanced to the national tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

"It was unbelievable," said Rogers.
"We've got to go back this year."

Off the court Antrone's hobbies include dancing, playing play station, and hanging out with his friends. Some of his favorite



things include R&B music, the movie Friday, pro sports teams the Los Angeles Lakers and the San Francisco 49'ers.

Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan are his favorite pro athletes. He says he likes them for what they do on the court, but also because they are role models off the court.

Rogers says his favorite things about Lipscomb are, "meeting new people and being surrounded by a Christian environment."

When Antrone's playing days at Lipscomb are over, he says he would like to try and play professional ball somewhere overseas. If not, he says he would like to work in the computer industry.

"I think that computers are going to take over," said Rogers. "I'll try and get a job in that field or maybe start my own business."

--by Jeff Lee

Kyle Stephens

Class	Freshman
Major Biology	Education
Birthdate	9-15-80
Height	6'7"
Weight	220
Hometown	
	Tennessee

"Kyle Stephens is a steady guy."

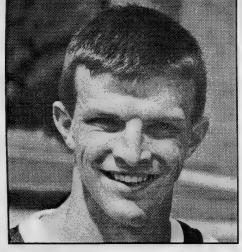
The freshman from Paris, Tennessee says that that is how he views himself, and he hopes that the people around him see him that way too.

"I'm always willing to help others," he said.

Kyle's six-foot, seven-inch frame make him a formidable threat at center for the Bison who play their first game of the season against University of Michigan-Dearborn Halloween night in McQuiddy Gymnasium.

Between school and basketball, Kyle stays fairly busy and doesn't have much time for himself. Admittedly however, he likes to make sure he doesn't get in too much of a hurry for anyone. Anyone, that is, except Coach Don Meyer.

Several other schools wanted him to come play basketball for them. He had offers from some OVC and other NAIA schools, but none of them were ever options as far as Kyle was concerned, He turned them all down for the opportunity to come play for Lipscomb.



"I came here as a camper for five years," he said, "and I just fell in love with the program."

Kyle's hero, his father, gave him the best advice of his life. Words he says he lives by. "My dad told me to always remember who I am, and whose I am," he said. "Talking about God."

He has a strong faith in the Lord, something that he freely shares with those around him.

"I'd rather do what's right," he said, "and let God handle the rest."

With a major in Biology/Education and a minor in Bible, it's obvious that he is headed toward a bright future. After graduation he plans to go to pursue a career in Physical Therapy and "maybe do a little coaching somewhere down the road."

--by Jay Rowe

David Hunt

Class	.Sophomore
Major	.Health and
Physica	d Education
Birthdate	9-26-77
Height	
Weight	180
Hometown	Nashville.
	Tennessee

If you have a poster of "Stone Cold" Steve Austin hanging on your wall...you might be a wrestling fan.

David Hunt has a "Stone Cold" Steve Austin poster hanging on his wall.

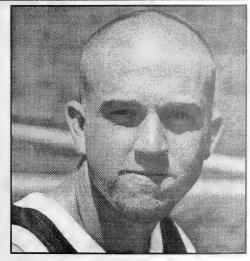
Unlike his wrestling hero, sophomoreshooting guard David Hunt is a little more laid back, and might I add not as violent.

Basketball is not quite professional wrestling, unless one plays for the New York Knicks, but nevertheless David Hunt considers it a pleasure just to be playing.

"I don't know what I would do without it," he said. "Whether it's playing or coaching, I want to be involved with the game."

To aid him in his personal goal of staying 'involved in the game,' David is a Health and Physical Education major. When his playing days are over he hopes to continue his love affair with basketball by entering the coaching ranks

David is a graduate of David Lipscomb High School where he excelled in both basketball and tennis, both of which he now plays as members of, not only the Bison Basketball



team, but also the Bison Tennis team.

He says that all through his younger days at the Campus School he enjoyed coming over and watching the Bison basketball games.

"I've spent 10 years in the Lipscomb school system, so I know the tradition and pride that accompanies the title Bison Basketball.

"I knew I wanted to come here when I was still in high school," he said

As a freshman, David saw limited, yet valuable playing time. Being a team player and helping the squad are his top priorities in basketball

"I just want to do what the coaches ask," David said.

"Both as a player and as a team, we hope to improve with every opportunity. Our goal is to be the best team we can possibly be."

--by David Parker

Clancy Hall

Class	Innior
Class	Chemistry
	Hiducotion
Birthdate	12-14-76
Heisin	6,111,77
Weight Hometown	
nometown	Seminole,
	Texas

They say that everything is bigger in Texas and with regards to Clancy Hall it's true. Clancy a seven -foot junior from Seminole Texas is head and shoulders taller than most students.

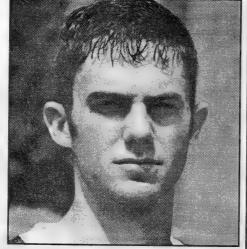
Growing up Clancy was always the tall skinny kid in school, but his mother didn't let that stop him from doing what he wanted though.

"My mom is someone I have always looked up to, she was always strong and pushed me to do better," said Hall.

Hall, who has been playing basketball since the fourth grade, also played football four years in high school. "If it wasn't for Lipscomb giving me a scholarship, I would be playing small college football somewhere," said Hall

Hall chose Lipscomb for a simple reason, they talked to him first. "My mom also liked the academic side and the atmosphere the school has," said Hall.

When Hall was asked his biggest accomplishment, he said "Getting to come



to Lipscomb and play, since Lipscomb has such a rich post position history." Clancy is following in footsteps of all Americans Phillip Hutchinson and John Pierce.

Hall has filled out that great post position spot quit nicely. His goal for this year is to establish himself as more of an offensive threat, and keep his defense strong. Hall also thinks this team has shot at the National Championship.

Clancy has played in many big games but he said, "the biggest game I ever played in was against Birmingham Southern in the conference tournament, I was just a freshman and was very nervous."

Clancy and the rest of the Bison's have been practicing since summer, coaching camps and getting ready to make a run at the National Championship.

--by Brian Gentry

Bradley Hicks

Class	Junior
Major	History
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Birthdate	
Height	220
Hometown	Picgah
Hometown	Alabama

"Man of Determination" is an accurate title for Lipscomb basketball player Bradley Hicks.

Hicks has overcome many obstacles during his tenure at Lipscomb. During his freshman season, he suffered heart problems, high blood pressure, and frequent migraine headaches.

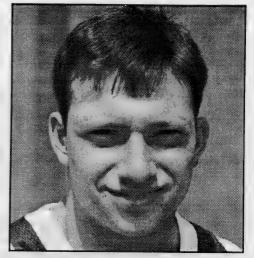
These physical ailments prevented him from maintaining the necessary physical and mental conditioning that playing collegiate basketball demands.

Determined not to quit, Hicks received medical treatment and was able to return to play the game he loved.

However, difficult times were not totally behind him.

At the end of his sophomore season, Hicks was cut from the team in order to open up positions for younger players. Thanks to his hard work and dedication, Hicks is once again a member of the Bison basketball team.

Hicks is from Pisgah, Alabama, and is entering his third season here at Lipscomb. On the court, Hicks controls the paint playing both



forward and center. In the classroom, Hicks devotes his time to his History-education major.

Growing up, Hicks looked to his dad for support and encouragement.

"He taught me the values of hard work and determination," Hicks said. "Without hirn, I would not be where I am today."

Throughout the years, Hicks has set many goals for himself.

He strives to grow closer to God each day of his life. He is also concerned with setting a proper example for the younger players in the program.

When his time as a player is finished, Hicks hopes to be teaching and coaching in either a high school or junior college.

With upcoming talent and dedicated leaders, the Bisons should enjoy great success.

-- Jacob Parker

Chris Childress

Class	Sophomore
Major	Social Work
Birthdate	9-13-78
Height	
Weight	180
Hometown	Vinton.
	Virginia

The "Chill" is back!

Chris "Chill" Childress is stoked for another season of Bison basketball, and he is more focused than ever.

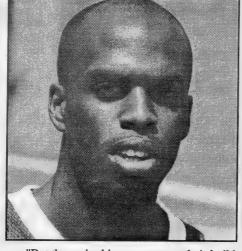
After a down year for the team, the 6'1", 180 pound sophomore guard from Vinton, VA, is determined to do his part to make Lipscomb University a potent presence again in the NAIA.

"I want people to fear us again," said Childress. "There are magazines that aren't even listing Lipscomb University as one of the teams to watch this year, and we want to show them that we are."

After a distinguished career at William Byrd High School, where he was twice named to the all-region team and two-time district player of the year, as well as a member of the all-state team his senior season, Childress is one who knows what it takes to win.

Childress has goals for himself, but the ones he really wants to see come about are the ones for the team.

"We want to improve with every game, win the conference, and, of course, go to the national tournament," said Childress.



"But the main thing we want to do is build respect back for Lipscomb. After last year, some people may be writing us off this season, but we want to show them that we are still a power to contend with."

After graduation, Childress, a social work major, dreams of living a simple life and having a nice family while enjoying his job of coaching and working with teenagers.

Childress breaks the stereotypical mold in which many people put athletes. He is laid back, easy-going, and very funny.

"People think that just because we're athletes, we are on pedestals or think that we're better than everyone," Childress said. "But I'm the funniest and easiest person to get to know if you just give me a chance."

And hopefully, this season will be full of bright spots for the team and for "Chill," on and off the court.

-by Larry Eldridge

Kevin Rawlings

Class	Junior
MajorMat	h Education
Birthdate	7-4-76
Height	5'10"
Weight	
Hometown	Waverly
	Tennessee

For Kevin Rawlings, basketball was just part of the family.

Kevin's dad was the basketball coach in his hometown of Waverly, Tennessee. Kevin was in the gym with his dad everyday after school because there wasn't anywhere else for him to go. It was in his younger years that he learned the game. When he got a little bit older, he was playing ball on the high school team for his dad.

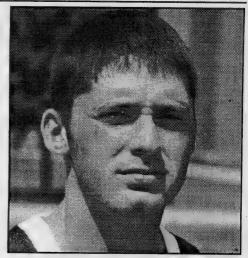
"Playing ball for my dad was probably the best thing I've ever done," said Rawlings.

Basketball has been a good teacher for Kevin and he's quick to realize the everyday applications of the lessons he learns on the court.

"Discipline and competitiveness are two things that playing ball have taught me," said Rawlings. "Another thing is time management. Those are all things that I can take off the court and apply to everyday situations."

Kevin was red-shirted his sophomore year. This year he returns as a senior. His major is Health/P.E.

He has high hopes for the team this year.



He has his sights set on a national championship and believes that the team is going to be fun to watch.

"We've got everything it takes to go all the way," said Rawlings. "Coach Meyer is fun to play for. All we need is for people to come out and watch us."

Kevin doesn't limit his concern for the team to what happens on the court.

"I really want everyone on campus to feel like they can approach us," said Rawlings. "We're just normal students like everybody else.

"We don't have a whole lot of free time so we're not around much, but we want everybody to know that we're interested in what's going on with everyone."

With that kind of an attitude, the basketball team has good things going for it.

--by Paul Hadfield

Ron Sarver

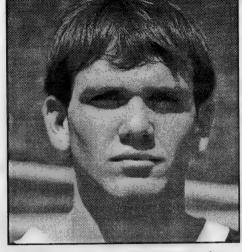
Class	Freshman
Major	Pre-Med
Birthdate	6-6-79
Height	5'11"
Weight	
Hometown	Nashville.
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As far as Ron Sarver can remember, basketball has always been a part of his life. His father coached basketball for Goodpasture High School for about twenty years and Sarver has very early memories of being in the gym with him.

Sarver is a native of Nashville and graduated from Ezell-Harding where he played the position of guard in high school basketball. He is the one of the newest editions of the Lipscomb basketball team where he is continuing to play the position of the point guard.

He has hopes in one day attending medical school when the time comes. In the mean time, he is earning his degree in Biology. His first impression of Lipscomb was a positive one. Since he is from Nashville, he was already familiar with the school.Before deciding on Lipscomb, he looked at Freed-Hardeman University and Pepperdine University. He really enjoys it here and looks forward to being here in the future.

Sarver has a positive outlook on the season ahead of the team. "I think we are going



to be good this year. I think we are going to make a run for the national tournament. So I am looking for a good year," he said.

His favorite memory of basketball is when his high school team won the state championship last year. "It felt good. You work so hard to get there, and when you are there it is just great," said Sarver.

Sarver's greatest achievements that he is most proud of were the state championship and being a part of the third team in all-state.

The best advice his high school coach ever gave him, that can be used on and off the court, he said, "Whatever you do, just work hard and do your best". Sarver looks forward to working with his new coach. He said he has already learned a lot from his coach and has helped him greatly. Sarver is just glad to be able to work under him.

--by Amanda Tarpley

Jammie Turner

Class	Senior
Major	Social Work
Rirthdate	
Height	6'3''
Weight	
Hometown	Hazel Green.
Hometown .	Alabama
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Bison #51, Jammie Turner believes in organized discipline that helps him be a leader on the basketball court. He is a four-year starter at the forward position and will play a key role in the Bison's success this year.

Coach Don Meyer praised Turner's defensive skills

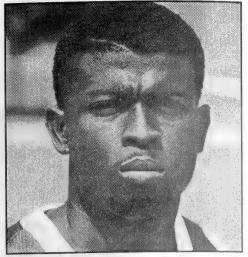
"Jammie Turner is an excellent defender and can defend from the 3, 4 and 5 positions if needed," said Meyer.

Turner is a team player and believes his teammates are critical to his success as a basketball player at Lipscomb.

"If it were not for my former teammates, tough coaching, and the Lipscomb atmosphere then I would not be here," Turner said.

One of the great aspects about Lipscomb is that it teaches you more than just basketball, because it teaches you about life as well, he said.

He is majoring in social work and will graduate in May 1999. After gradu-



ation, he plans to work as a probation officer helping children though their life experiences. In preparation for that he is interning at the Davidson County Corrections Center by working with adult clients.

The two most influential people in his outside, his coach and teammates are his uncle and mom.

--by Darby Waetjen

Adam Sonn

Class	Freshman
Major	Undecided
Birthdate	2-8-80
Height	6'8"
Weight	215
Hometown	Nashville.
	Tennessee

John Pierce 4,230 points. Phillip Hutcheson 4,106 points. Adam Sonn ???? points.

Yes, Adam Sonn.

The buzz about this Bison basketball freshman is that he has the size, ability and potential to be just as dominant as Pierce and Hutcheson.

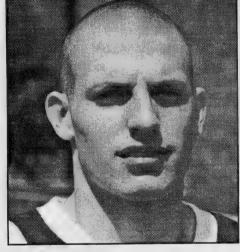
Sonn likes the idea that he is considered to be the next in line for the Bison Legacy.

"It's great to be considered in a group with those guys," he said.

Bison basketball coach Don Meyer did not redshirt Sonn this year. Meyer said that when he does not redshirt a freshman it is because "they are going to have to play."

One of the interesting facts about Adam Sonn is that he turned down an opportunity to play for the University of Tennessee. A team that was ranked ninth in the pre-season polls. His first semester at UT was going to be as a walk-on. After that semester, he would be on scholarship.

One of Sonn's motivations for coming



to Lipscomb was playing time.

"[UT is] really a pretty loaded team, being as young as they are and deep at my position.," Sonn said

Another of Sonn's motivations for coming to Lipscomb was his coach. He likes the fact that Meyer is more than just a basketball coach.

"Coach Meyer definitely has a great system," Sonn said. "He not only teaches us about basketball, he also teaches principles that are going to apply off the court, in life.

"I really thought about it, [I decided that] playing time early in my career and playing for a guy like coach Meyer would end up being the best decision for me," Sonn said.

--by Matt Baggett

Apologies, thanks, etc.

BY MATT BAGGETT SPORTS EDITOR

Well, here I go. As you all know by now, this basketball special has been a LONG time in coming. And, I have to apologize for this.

First of all, to all of the Journalism I students, I apologize for not keeping you all up to date on the progress of the issue. Secondly, I apologize for taking so long to get this done. I understand that you all worked hard to get these profiles done and you did a good job on them. At the same time I am apologizing to you, I want to thank you for your help. Otherwise, this basketball special just would not have happened.

Next, I apologize to my fellow students. For weeks I advertised the coming of this issue. It never came. I apologize. I understand that you all have been looking forward to seeing this issue.

To my fellow staff members, I apologize for all the stress that I caused you. I realize that meeting deadline is one of the most important things in the newspaper business. I didn't do that with this issue. I apologize and promise to do better.

To the team members, as good as you all are, I owe it to put out a good product that is on time and quality work. I obviously did not quite pull off the on time

part and I apologize to you for that as well.

Now, like I just mentioned, huge thanks goes out to the students of Dr. McCollum's Journalism I class. It was quite obvious that you all out in some hard work on these player profiles. They really are quality work. Thank you so much for your assistance (as if you had a choice!).

Also, one more big set of thanks goes out to Kim Chaudoin and David England for all their help in getting this issue completed. Through computer crashes, lost information and a whole host of other problems, they have been a big help and as with everybody else mentioned in this little article, this issue would not have been completed without them.

As you all know we here at the Babbler are always in need of writers. I desperately need some help in the sports section. Currently I only have one writer that only writes sports. I am looking for people willing to cover the remainder of the basketball season, tennis, baseball and softball. If you are interested in writing about any of these please call the Babbler office at extension 1829 and ask for me. Or you can e-mail me at BaggettMS.

In closing, I would just like to say congratulations to the Bisons and Lady Bisons for their success so far this season.

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Jennifer Norman

Class	Freshman
Major	Biology
Birthdate	10-14-80
Height	6'4"
Hometown	Charlotte,
	North Carolina

Her seventh grade gym coach took one look at her and told her that she absolutely had to play basketball. At the time Jennifer Norman, of Charlotte, North Carolina wasn't really into basketball and wasn't even really sure how to play the game. She is really glad she learned though because today she is playing for the Lady Bisons.

Freshman Jennifer Norman is very excited about playing the post position for the Lipscomb team. She decided to sign with the Lady Bisons last March after visiting the campus through different church events and admiring the Christian environment. Jennifer has enjoyed everything about the team so far. She loves being around the girls on the team and experiencing the unity that they have and share. "Living in the dorm together is really great. It makes for a good team and creates a bond that we would not have otherwise," said Jennifer.

Jennifer stated that her goals in basketball are not the obvious "I want to be a leader and score as many points as I can" kind of goals. She simply wants to play to



the glory of God while showing good sportsmanship and by playing to the best of her ability.

Jennifer feels lucky that many of her teammates also share similar goals.

Jennifer's long-term goals include medical school and having a family. "I love kids!" she exclaimed. Jennifer hopes to one day become a pediatrician and work with children for the rest of her life. Jennifer is currently working on a pre-med major to one day help her achieve her career goals.

When people know you are a Lady Bison that is great. "I love the reaction I get from people when they hear I am on the basketball team. They are like 'Wow you are a Lady Bison.' I think that respect is neat," Jennifer said.

--by Betsy Rachal

Shelly Sims

Class	.Freshman
Major	Pre-Mea
Rirthdate	11-15-79
Height	5'6''
Hometown	Sparta,
	Tennessee

Her former first-grade friends may remember the first time she set foot on a basketball court and she has not forgotten it since. Shelley Sims, a freshman from Sparta Tennessee is excited to be a Lady Bison basketball player for the first time this season.

Shelley, who never seems to tire of the sport, is starting out playing the position of guard. Shelley has set high goals for herself in the game and in her personal life.

"I would love to contribute as much as I can to the team and become a leader, as well as make lots of friends," she said.

As far as personal academic and achievement goals go, Shelley aspires to go someday to medical school. She is presently working on her pre-med degree.

When choosing which college to attend and to play basketball for, Shelley said that Lipscomb's good winning program and Christian atmosphere helped her decide to come and play for the Lady Bisons. She says that the Lady Bisons are



like a family and the girls are like a "bunch of sisters." She really loves how they all get along so well and care about each other.

So does Shelley ever get tired of basketball? "Nope, not ever. But the conditioning does get a little tiring sometimes. But that's the only bad part," Shelley admitted.

Shelley will have her chance to shine on the court really soon.

--by Betsy Rachal

Kelley Wade

Class	Freshman
Major	Undecided
Birthdate .	9-5-79
Height	5'7"
Hometown	Lexington,
	Kentucky

She discovered Lipscomb University before Lipscomb discovered her.

She impressed the basketball coaches enough to receive a scholarship, while trying-out on an injured knee. This sports scholarship adds to her academic scholarship.

Kelley Wade is a freshman point guard from Lexington, Ky. She began playing basketball in 4th grade and then joined the Lady Eagles, Lexington Christian High School's team. Sports have occupied her time for approximately 10 years.

"I've always been a big sports fan," Wade said. "I played soccer, basketball, softball...4 or 5 different sports."

Wade, however, was excited to be invited to play on Lipscomb's basketball team for reasons other than just sports.

"I was first looking for a Christian school. Basketball just happened to come along after that, and that is great."

The basketball team offers her companionship as a new freshman. She enjoys all the girls and the coaches. This bond is not rare in Wade's life. She grew up in a very active family.

"I have a big sports family. My younger brother and sister also play lots of sports.



My dad even coached a bunch of my teams, so that helped me get involved."

In her sophomore year of high school, Wade proved her dedication to the sport. Her team was in the district tournament, and the senior players did not show up. She scored 20 points in this game—one of her best games ever. The next game in the finals was against a tough team, and Wade was sick.

"I tried to go to school all day so that I could play. I passed out because I was so sick...I was home that night, and my dad was at the game. He would call me every now and then to tell me how they were doing. That night we finally beat this team. My team came by my house that night, brought the trophy, and said that they won it for me."

Hopefully, more trophies can be presented to Wade in her college basketball experiences.

--by Addie Hill

Anna Moss

ClassSenior	
MajorDietetics	
Birthdate7-21-77	
Height6'3"	
HometownNashville,	
Tennesseé	

It's a quarter after six and Anna Moss' sweat session is about to begin. The sound of screeching sneakers can be heard in the gym. She runs the court with speed and passion. Sweat pours down her face and neck, yet her determination will not falter. She's a team player.

It has been Anna's dream to play basketball for Lipscomb University.

"As a little girl, I came to the basketball camps during the summer. I've âlways wanted to be a Lady Bison," she says.

At 6'3", senior Anna Moss is Lady Bison number 51. Hailing from Lipscomb High School, she is one of the five post players on this year's Lady Bison roster.

Not many things have been able to stop Anna. Two years ago a torn ACL caused her to sit on the bench and watch from the sidelines. She was one of the four Lady Bisons who sustained a knee injury that year.

"We had a lot of people get injured that year. I was one of the four who tore their ACL," says Moss, reflecting on a tough year.

Moss has continued to be a leader in the game and off the court.

"I want to be a leader that the coaches



and players can depend on. I want people to be able to tell by the way I live that I am a Christian and that I'll always try to do what is right."

Anna knows that her time at Lipscomb is limited. Graduation is swiftly approaching.

"I want to graduate in the year 2000 with a double major in Dietetics and Exercise Science."

As for the things she will remember about Lipscomb, she includes the friends she has made.

"The late nights in the dorms with the team and the our roadtrips with the Bisons were fun, but I don't think I'll remember them as much as the relationships that I've made."

--by Brittany White

Kinisha Perry

Class	Freshman
Major	
Birthdate	1-2-79
Height	5'10'
Hometown	.Clarksville.
	Tennessee

Kinisha Perry stands in her dorm room with two posters of Michael Jordan on two walls, yet she says her brother is the one who inspired her to play basketball.

Kinisha is the second one from her family to step out on the basketball court and show Lipscomb University her basketball talent. She is a freshman this year, but not too long ago her brother Kenyalta Perry left his mark playing for Bison basketball from 1993-1997.

"My brother is the one who encouraged me to play," Kinisha said.

Kinisha comes to Lipscomb from a small family living in the town of Clarksville. Actually, Kinisha has come to us from several different places.

Due to her father's military career, Kinisha has traveled quite a lot. She was born on January 2, 1980 in Germany, and from there she has made her home in Holland, Boston, North Carolina, and now Tennessee.

Playing basketball has been a part of Kinisha's life for eight years. That is almost half of her life!



Through her high school years, Kinisha collected several titles for her strong basketball qualities. She was named All District for three years. Also, she was crowned with the All Mid-state title.

Although her brother left his footprints here on Lipscomb's campus, Kinisha is already making new footprints as a power forward on the Lady Bison Basketball team.

In five years, Kinisha hopes to be living and working in Atlanta with her best friend.

For now, Kinisha is still adjusting to college life at Lipscomb.

"I really like my teammates and coaches," said Kinisha.

"Classes are going well too."

--by Laura Phillips

Sonya Romine

Class	Junior
Major	Secondary Math
	Education
Birthdate	6-22-78
Height	5'7"
Hometown	Rogersville,
	Alabama

She began playing basketball when she was in 8th grade. She'd always been interested in sports, but had never been on a school sponsored team. Her PE coach saw her playing basketball one day, and asked her to try out for the team. She made it! Seven years later, she's a Lady Bison.

Sonya Romine, a transfer student from Rogersville, AL, is new to the world of Lipscomb University, and Lady Bison basketball.

"It's hard to adjust from a junior college to a university, and I'm away from home," Romine said. "But the people here are so nice. They make you feel welcome here."

Her teammates have helped to make her feel at home on the court.

"It's difficult to get used to the new game plays and coaching techniques," she said. But, everyone on the team is willing to help you at any time, and the upperclassmen can show you the ropes."

Her desire to be the best is probably a result of her past basketball experiences. During her 10th grade year, her team was runner up for the state championship, and her senior year they



made it to the final four. Her junior college team ranked 3rd in the nation, after being declared the underdog.

Romine prefers an aggressive style of ball. Her favorite basketball star is John Stockton of the Utah Jazz.

"He's the underdog because of his size, but he'll get in with the big guys and be very aggressive, and I like that," she said.

"The most influential person in my life was my high school coach," she said. "He was like a father to me. He tried hard to know his players both on and off the court. He had a great basketball mind."

Romine is a math teaching major who hopes to coach high school basketball when she graduates. Her passion for the game is obvious to those who know her.

"I just fell in love with the game," she said.

--by Katie Powers

Debbie Black

ClassJunior
Major Biology Education
Birthdate1-5-78
Height5'8"
Hometown Chattanooga,
Tennessee

McQuiddy Gymnasium is home to some of the most talented athletes in the NAIA. Debbie Black, a junior from Chattanooga, is one of those talented athletes.

Standing tall at 5 feet 8 inches, Black, number 22, is the guard for the Lady Bison 1998-1999 basketball team. From her days as a high school player, she has developed into a dominant force in women's collegiate basketball. She powers to excite the hundreds of screaming fans packed into the gym for each game.

Black's practice habits and determination to do her best makes her a vital part of the Lady Bison team. This past season Black has scored ** points per game and ** assists per game, aiding the Bison to **_** season.

Not only is Black a great athlete, she also fits in well with Lipscomb's concept of team attitude..

"One of my goals is to contribute to the basketball team in any way possible," Black said. "That means playing to the best of my ability."

Black also feels it's important to be an example to the freshman players. She tries to show them how to balance the rigors of bas-



ketball with the demands of class.

Her hard work ethic is apparent in more than just her basketball skill. Black's love of children has led her to want to be a teacher in the future. She works hard teaching younger children the enjoyment that basketball can bring to their lives.

Her favorite book, Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, is characteristic of her ability to remain focused on her goals rather than get held back by everyday obstacles. This is an important virtue for athletes.

One of Black's most memorable experiences with the Lady Bisons was the trip they took to the National Tournament. She said that it's always a blast being part of the team at any game, but especially at the National Tournament.

--by Jessica Holcomb

Heather Douglas

Class	Senior
	Accounting
	11-20-76
	5'8"
Hometown .	.Goodlettsville,
	Tennessee

As a senior on the Lady Bison Basketball team, Heather Douglas has many favorite moments to share.

For instance, she could have talked about the great achievements she has acquired while holding the position of guard/wing as a Lady Bison. Yet, she didn't.

"My favorite basketball moments in college would have to be at National Tournament because the atmosphere is so exciting and fun," said Douglas.

Douglas's great efforts, have not gone by unnoticed. She has received several awards including the Steals Award, the Three Point Percentage Award, and Most Improved Player Award.

Douglas acquired three major awards in high school. She held two titles on her team as Best All Around Player and Best Defensive Player. Douglas was also named District 9-AAA Most Valuable Player.

Basketball became an important part of Douglas's life at an early age.

"I got interested in basketball when I was seven years old from watching my older sister play, and then my dad encouraged me and coached me until I got older," Douglas said.



When she finds free time, Douglas said she enjoys playing other sports, as well as being a spectator of those sports.

Another hobby Douglas takes pleasure in is shopping. You may see her sporting clothes across campus from Abercrombie & Fitch and Gap since these are her favorite places to shop.

Living in Goodlettsville all her life until her move to Lipscomb, Douglas spoke highly of her first big move.

"I have really enjoyed my experience at Lipscomb. I love everyone on the team and have learned so much about basketball and life itself," said Douglas.

What does the future hold for Heather Douglas five years from now?

"Hopefully, I will be married with a good job in business management making lots of money," said Douglas.

-by Laura Phillips

Julie Vaughn

Class	Senior
Major	Kinesiology
Birthdate	2-27-77
Height	5'8"
Hometown	Winchester
	Tennessee

Julie Vaughn plays guard for the 1998-99 lady bison's. "Lipscomb athletics are well known, respectable, and solid," said Vaughn.

"I wanted to attend Lipscomb because it really made me feel at home, and I really just liked the atmosphere," said Vaughn.

Vaughn is a senior, and she is majoring in exercise science. Vaughn said she was going to graduate next December, and become a personal trainer for a while, and then go to graduate school, and pursue the field of cardiac rehabilitation.

Vaughn is from Winchester, Tenn. She attended Franklin County high school. She said her most memorable athletic moment happened against their high school rival. Vaughn had an outstanding 26 points, and 8 huge rebounds to lead her team to victory.

Vaughn has also had the opportunity to be on the first lady bison golf team. "The team has not done real well in the



tournaments, but we are getting better with each tournament, and I'm having lots of fun," said Vaughn.

Vaughn also has many hobbies. She loves to go hunting, water skiing, snow skiing, and biking.

The best advice she ever received was, "look both ways, and always make sure your safety is on."

--By Jennifer Mick

Tamara Thomas

Class	Sophomore
Major	Education
Birthdate	7-27-79
Height	6'0"
Hometown	Moulton,
	Alabama

Tamara Thomas has a very competitive edge about her.

In her second year of playing basketball for the Lady Bisons, the 6 foot sophomore from Moulton, Ala. says that competition is what she likes most about playing. Oh, and don't forget having fun.

Tamara loves to have fun, but she knows the time and place to do it.

"At practice, you can't goof off at all or you will be on the line running," she says.

Adapting to college basketball was a little difficult for her.

"In high school you play for fun. In college, the intensity level is totally different and there is a much higher level of competition," Tamara says.

High school basketball was a great experience. Her head coach and assistant coach often stayed after practice to help her with drills or to shoot a couple extra shots.

"My high school coaches were very influential because they pushed me to do my best," she says.

The extra help they provided gave Tamara the ability to lead her team to the state title her



senior year.

Her parents were also a big influence. Even though they both played basketball, they did not force Tamara to play, but helped her reach her potential.

She says that she always wants to make her parents proud.

Tamara, an education major, chose Lipscomb after she met the players on the team.

"They seemed like they were having fun playing basketball," she says.

Her personal goals for the year are to play hard and do her best. As for the team, she plans to do whatever it takes to help them get back to the national tournament.

Ten years from now Tamara sees herself teaching and possibly coaching.

One thing is for sure. She will still be competitive, and she will still be having fun

-by Brooke Thomas

Brittany Allen

Class	lunior
MajorSpor	ts Medicine
Birthdate	10-18-77
Height	5°6°
Homotown	Mobile
Hometown	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Alabama

At 5'6", Brittany Allen is one of the shortest members of the Lady Bison basketball team. However, height does not stop her powerhouse defense.

Throughout high school, Brittany won many awards for her numerous basketball performances. She attended Bison basketball camp each summer and sharpened her skills as the years went by.

Shortly after coming to Lipscomb, Brittany's talents were recognized when she won the "Hustle Award", an award given for great defense, at a Belmont tournament her freshman year.

Brittany feels that defense is where she has improved the most.

"My offense has improved," she said, "but my greatest improvements lie in the area of defense."

Hopefully, throughout this season and next, all of the ladies skills will improve enough that they will make it to the National championship. This was one goal Brittany set for herself when she joined the team.

"It hasn't happened yet, but this may be the year," she said.

The good side to being part of the team, according to Brittany, is the fact that it is



putting her through school.

But, more than that, "basketball is an outlet for me," she said.

All of her energy and emotions are channeled through the game. Practice takes a lot of pressure off and helps to lower her stress level.

The bad side to being a member of the lady bison team, or any collegiate athletic team in general, is keeping up with your work and managing your time.

Brittany is an exercise science major that loves Buffalo wings, Hope Floats, and the color blue. When asked what her favorite memory was from her three years at Lipscomb, it took a while to to narrow down her choices.

"There are so many," Brittany said.
"The best one though, was my freshman year. We were playing Union University at home and beat them by one point. It was great!"

-- by Rachel Hasty

Christi Sims

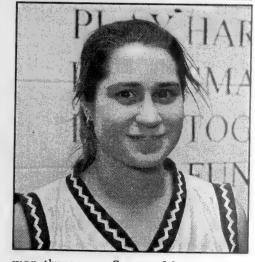
Class	.Freshman
Major Physical	Education
Birthdate	1-22-80
Height	5'8"
Hometown	Nachville
	Tennessee
	rennessee

Christi Sims has always had a love for sports as long as she can remember. It started with the game of soccer, but in the fifth grade she switched to basketball. Her passion for the game has grown ever since.

Sims, a native of Nashville and graduate of David Lipscomb High School, is one of Lipscomb's newest freshman basketball players. She will be playing the position of guard which is nothing new to her. She has been playing that position from the beginning of her basketball career.

She is working hard towards a Physical Education degree with a minor in health. Her goal is to use this degree to become a physical education teacher. The first impression of Lipscomb, she had was how appealing the campus was. She also applied to Freed and Harding, but she finally chose Lipscomb because of its great basketball team and it's close to home.

Her favorite memory of basketball was when she was a sophomore in high school and her team was in the sub-state game. Her team was down by six with twentyfive seconds to go. They came back and



won the game. Some of her greatest achievements was being in the Honor Society in high school and going state two out of her four years of high school in basketball.

The best advice Sim's high school coach gave her that applies on and off the court she said, "Always know you have people watching you at all timed." She looks forward to working under her new coach. Sims said that Coach Frank Bennett is a great man and does a good job and looks forward for to learning from him as well.

Sims is optimistic about the season and feels that they have a good team. "We work together and we have a lot of fun," said Sims.

--by Amanda Tarpley

Rachel Stark

Class	.Sophomore
Major	Biology
Major Birthdate	9-8-77
Height	5'11"
Hometown	. Leawood.
,	Kansas

Coach Frank Bennett calls Rachel Stark "one of the most highly recruited players we've ever gotten at Lipscomb."

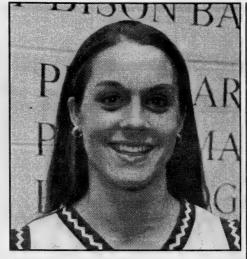
High expectations followed Rachel to Lipscomb after she was named 1996 Miss Missouri Basketball. She has not disappointed.

"I came to Lipscomb because of the strong women's program and the style of play here," Rachel said. "My sister (Anna) was already playing here so I knew a lot about the program. The chance to play in a great program with great people is why I am here."

Rachel faced a difficult hurdle before stepping onto the court for her first game. She tore her ACL before her freshman season forcing her to redshirt that year.

"That was tough," she said. "I wanted to be out there playing. Instead, I could only watch."

Rachel got her chance to play last year and made the most of it. She was named First Team All TranSouth Conference, Newcomer of the Year in the TranSouth and 2nd Team All American. She averaged nearly 17 points a game and pulled



down 134 rebounds on the season.

But again, Rachel was denied a chance to help the Lady Bisons into the National Tournament. She was injured at the first of February and was forced to miss the rest of the season.

This year, Rachel is making up for lost time as she is helping to lead the Lady Bisons towards the March tournament.

One of the most memorable moments of this season was when Rachel hit the game winning shot to beat #1 ranked Southern Nazarene.

"That felt good to beat them," Rachel said. "They are the premier team in the nation and we now know we can beat them. We know we can beat anyone in the nation come March."

With an attitude like that, Lady Bison fans are looking forward to the March tournament.

-- by Steve Shirley

Amelia Stark

Class.	.Redshir	t Sophomore
Major		Undecided
Birthd	ate	8-30-79
Height		5'10"
Homet	own	Leawood,
		Kansas

For Amelia Stark, the last 12 months have been some of the most trying of her life.

After blowing out her ACL in a game last February, Amelia was looking at months of rehab and a long road to recovery to play for the Lady Bisons again.

"That was tough," Stark said. "I had to sit on the bench and watch my teammates battle for a tournament slot. I hated it because I wanted to be out there helping the team."

But recovering from an ACL tear became the least of Amelia's worries in March when she was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis.

"That was tough," she said. "I was in the hospital for about four weeks and had three major surgeries. It was not a fun time."

But Amelia is back in the Purple & Gold for the Lady Bisons. Redshirting this year after sitting out the fall semester due to her illness, Amelia is participating in practices and trying to help her teammates improve for their run on the March tournament.

"If we play like we are capable of playing," she said, "we can go a long way in the



tournament."

After having already beaten some of the top teams in the nation, including #1 Southern Nazarene, the Lady Bison program is ranked among the nation's elite. This suits Amelia just fine.

"Everybody wants to beat the good teams," she said. "Well, we're one of those teams now. So every team plays their best against us. It puts a lot of pressure on us to go out and play hard everytime."

For Amelia one of the unique joys of playing for the Lady Bisons was the chance to play with her sisters Anna and Rachel.

"I love playing with my sisters," Amelia said. "That is part of what made last year so much fun. I look forward to playing with Rachel again next year. I can hardly wait"

Most Lady Bison fans can't wait for those Stark to Stark connections either.

-- by Steve Shirley

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Don Meyer joins elite '700 club'

Lipscomb coach is youngest to reach 700

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

In a historic night, Lipscomb coach Don Meyer became just the 18th basketball coach to ever reach 700 victories in a career.

Win number 700 came in a 115-80 blowout against Lee University.

At age 54, Meyer is the youngest coach to ever reach the mark. He also reached the milestone faster than any other coach in history.

After the game, Meyer was honored in front of the Bison bench with basketball signed by all current members of the Bison basketball team and with a banner saying "Congratulations #700." Meyer was joined by his wife as Lipscomb president Steve Flatt addressed the crowd. The team also presented Meyer with a cake bearing his

Men's Baskelball

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likeness.

After several post-game interviews, Meyer gathered with fans and former players in the Hall of Fame room. There, Meyer was presented with a box containing 700 pens and with a pack of 700 Captain D's coupons.

About twenty past players were on hand to celebrate - Meyer's milestone.

During the post-game radio show, Meyer received a



call from his mother to con- Lipscomb coach Don Meyer reacts to an award of 700 pens in honor of his 700th career victory Saturgratulate him on the victory.

day night. Meyer became only the 18th coach to reach the milestone and the youngest in history.

Radio DLU premiers promising programming

Radio station debut showcases students' on-air talent

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

After a few training sessions earlier this week, the new DJs have taken to the airwaves.

Lipscomb Student Radio, headquartered in the student center, is on 89.9 FM. Due to a favorable response to the call for volunteers, the broadcast schedule is full on weekdays from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Planned programming for the station ranges from talk to music to lively shows with trivia contests and/or call-ins. Here is a preview of only a few of the DJs and the formats they are planning.

Joel Leonard and Zac Sutherland, freshmen, will be on the air from 5:00 until 6:00 on Tuesdays. Their programming, called "The Shaxl Hour" after computer lingo meaning 'funky,' promises to feature an interesting variety of music.

Although they don't plan to discuss any specific topics, Leonard said they will include interviews with friends and teachers between playing "B-sides you never hear from your favorite singers." Expect artists as diverse as Queen, A Cappella, and Jars of Clay.

Barrett Reed and Brooke Berrie, long



Chuck Jones and DJ's get ready for the opening of the new radio station.

time friends, will team up to provide "the funniest show since the X-Files." Tentatively titled "The BB Twins," the duo will ride the airwaves twice a week: Monday nights from 8:00 until 11:00 and even Fridays from 2:05 to 3:15.

Reed, who describes his radio experience as "a long time listener; called in a few times," plans to avoid serious issues in favor of upbeat and funny entertainment. Although they will mostly stick to playing music during their Monday slot, Reed and Berrie will be much more spontaneous for their Friday show. Included in the program

are guests and callers, especially those from the northern regions sharing their opinions about the South.

To accompany this dangerous undertaking, the duo will play music from bands such as They Might Be Giants, Barenaked Ladies, and "lots of northern bands that no one down here has really heard of.'

Mesa Carlson played Lipscomb baseball his first two years of school, and he'll turn that experience into a sports program for Radio DLU.

Don't expect much music from this junior political science major-he'll concentrate on topics interesting

to sports fans. Carlson plans to interview Bison coaches and players and to have a call-in format rather than "just run last night's scores." Topics will, of course, depend on the sports season. This "opinion-based [show] for real sports fans" will be on the air from 8:45 to 9:55 MWO.

Hunter Johnston, Chris Collinson, and Kyle Gibson will be re-united for "The Hour of Power." These three juniors, who plan to incorporate artists from different time periods, were the hosts of a radio show last semester that broadcast from

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Flatt announces renovation plans for Student Center

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

Renovations are coming soon to the Lipscomb Student Center.

In Monday's chapel services, president Steve Flatt shared preliminary plans for the renovations with the student body.

"These plans are in no way the final plans," Flatt said. "These is just the first draft of a suggested plan.

"But these plans address some of the concerns about the Student Center and how it is used."

Flatt said the renovations will be focused on increasing the overall efficiency of the building.

"Right now, large portions of the building go unused," Flatt said. "We have more stairwells than we need. And the basement area of the Student Center is vastly underutilized."

Flatt said that there are no dates set for the renovation vet. Much of the work awaits results of the Marriott task force that is looking at Lipscomb food services.

"Once we get that report back, we will have a better idea of what direction we want to take the renovation," Flatt said. We have to be careful not to get the cart before the horse in that regard."

For more information and the preliminary plans, turn to page 3.

Your World at a Glance

International

Islam Karimov, President of Uzbekistan, stated he will seek revenge against those responsible for the bombs that exploded near government headquarters on Tuesday. As many as many as six car bombs exploded in the country killing at least 13 people and injuring another 120.

President Slobodan Milosevic rejected a proposal which would place NATO troops in Kosovo to try and keep peace. The decision has placed the peace talks between the Yugoslav government and Albanian rebels in jeopardy.

National

President Clinton's legal woes aren't quite over yet. The judge who presided over the Paula Jones case announced Tuesday that she might consider citing Clinton for contempt. U. S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright said that she waited to address the issue until the impeachment trial was over.

The New York Senate seat being vacated by Daniel Patrick Moynihan may be filled by the first lady. Hillary Rodham Clinton announced on Tuesday that she will indeed consider running for the New York Senate seat. Clinton is expected to make her decision later this year.

Some of the most treasured possessions of O.J. Simpson, including his 1968 Heisman Trophy, were scheduled to be auctioned Tuesday night. The money raised from the sale will go toward the debts he owes after the legal judgment in his civil trial.

The daughter of the Rev. Henry Lyons testified in his racketeering trial that she worked months compiling names for the NBC's membership rolls.



Bison fans showed up in force to support their team at Monday nights game with rival Freed Hardeman.

Local

H. G. Hill Food Stores announced Tuesday that they are entering into a "strategic alliance" with Fleming Foods. The grocery stores will keep their name and 14 locations throughout Nashville, but will be run by Fleming. The Hill's food store offices and warehouse will close.

Metro school bus driver, Anthony Bruce, will get a chance to defend himself next week, after being accused of dragging a child 50 yards on Friday. Five-year-old Nicki Brousard, who was not seriously injured, was dragged by the bus after her coat had gotten caught in the bus door.

The Metro Transit Authority is looking at the possibilities of incorporating electric trolley buses into downtown Nashville. The program would have a projected cost of between \$4-5 million. About 80% of the cost would be covered by federal funds

Entertainment

American musicians will get a unique opportunity when they travel south next month to record with Cuban artists. The Indigo Girls, Joan Osborne and Jimmy Buffet are among some of the performers who will spend a week in Cuba to write new songs. The project will result in a free concert on March 28 at the Karl Marx Theater in Havana.

On Monday the Michigan Opera Theater announced that the Three Tenors will perform at Tiger Stadium this summer. The concert which will feature Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti and Jose Carreras is scheduled for July 17.

Business

A rural court has ordered that Wal-Mart pay \$3.2 million to a woman it accused of stealing a telephone in 1995. The woman, was handcuffed in front of her children.

The Nashville Predators are slowly falling out of the playoff race. The Predators, once one of the most dominant teams at home, have lost five in a row at the Nashville Arena. The Predators face another stiff challenge tonight as they face the Colorado Avalanche. That game begins at 7 p.m.

Tennessee's NFL team is officially the Titans now. The team switched the name last week. The Titans are currently evaluating talent at the NFL combines in Indianapolis.

The Tennessee Vols are keeping their hopes of a NCAA tourney bid alive. The Vols beat another bubble-team Wednesday night when they held off Ole Miss 69-67. The Vols now have two more road games before heading home to host the Kentucky Wildcats in the regular season finale.

The Vanderbilt Commodores can only hope of winning the SEC tournament to gain a bid to the Big Dance. Vandy has dropped 10 of its last 12 games after getting clubbed by Auburn 81-63 Wed.

The Bisons and Lady Bisons will be honoring five seniors Monday night. Bryan Farmer, Jammie Turner, Heather Douglas, Anna Moss and Julie Vaughn will play their final regular season home games against Union. The games start at 6 p.m.

The Sports Prognosticators are at it again this semester. Steve Shirley and Kim Chaudoin are already tied for first. Newcomer Matt Hardin is tied in percentage points with the leaders. Krista Brantly is bringing up the rear of the regular pickers. She does lead the guest guessers though.

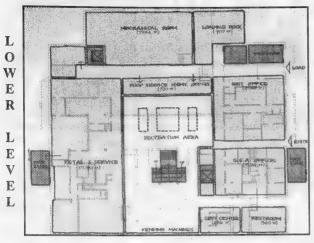
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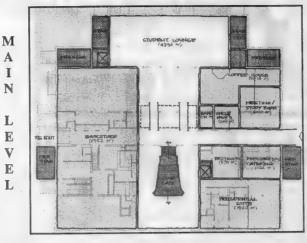
Retail and Service-- Flatt said that this area would be filled by food court services. He said the university is looking into the possibility of a TCBY and a Chick-Fil-A.

Post Office-- Flatt said moving the post office to the basement would automatically draw students downstairs.

SGA Offices-- Flatt said moving the SGA offices into the Student Center would provide the group higher visibility and allow students to better provide feedback to the group.

Copy Center-- The copy center would provide students with an area to make copies and send faxes.

Recreation Area-- This area might contain pool tables, ping-pong or air hockey. It will be a general arcade and entertainment area.



Main Level

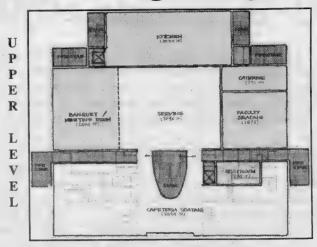
Bookstore—The plans call for increasing the bookstore space by about 60% and providing a wider range of products and services.

Student Lounge-- This area may have big screen tvs for students to gather and watch big events.

Coffee House-- Plans call for incorporating a coffee house into this area. Flatt said that he would like to see a Starbucks in this area.

Meeting/Study Room-- This room would provide a place for students to meet and study together.

Presidential Suite-- Flatt said plans call for leaving this area as it is. He said that the area is ideal for providing services such as receptions and small group luncheons.



Upper Level

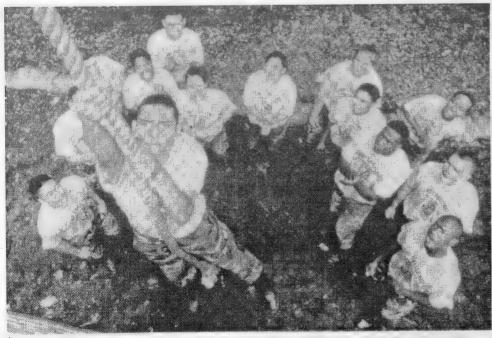
Banquet/Meeting Room-- The plans call for turning this space into an area where banquets and and luncheons could be hosted. It would be utilized in the same manner as the porch is currently.

Kitchen-- The kitchen will be moved onto the same floor as the serving area. This will negate the necessity of transporting the food between floors.

Serving-- The serving lines will be found in this area.

Faculty Seating-- The faculty/staff dining area will be moved to the top floor.

Cafeteria Seating-- The seating area will move to Bison Square side of the main wall. The plan calls for windows providing a view out over the square.



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U. S. Senate acquits President Clinton on all charges

(U-WIRE) Washington -- In votes that were both predictable and historical, the United States Senate ended a 21-day trial Friday by acquiting President Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of jus-

"It is therefore ordered and adjudged that the said William Jefferson Clinton be, and he hereby is, acquitted of the charges in the said articles," said Chief Justice William Rehnquist in closing the trial.

Senate Republicans were not able to garner the super-majority of 67 votes to remove the president from office or even a 51-vote simple majority for a "moral victory." Even with their party's five-seat majority in the Senate, Republican leaders watched as several rank-and-file members crossed party lines and voted not guilty.

Five Republican senators voted against Clinton's removal on both counts.

Five others voted guilty on the obstruction of justice charge but not guilty on the perjury charge. In the end, 45 senators voted guilty on the perjury charge and 50 voted guilty on the obstruction charge.

Clinton, the first publicly-elected president to be impeached, made a brief statement at the White House a few hours after the acquittal, apologizing once again for his actions.

"I want to say again to the American people how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events and

the great burden they have imposed on the Congress and the American people," Clinton said.

He said he believes the government

should refocus on the nation's busiresponding to a question, said he could find forgive-Republicans in Congress who led the

impeachment proceedings.

Clinton was accused of lying to the grand jury in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and of obstructing justice in his efforts to gain employment for Monica S. Lewinsky, the former White House intern with whom he had an affair.

Although some senators had publicly announced which way they would vote, the exact outcome was unknown until the 100 men and women rose to announce "guilty" or "not guilty."

Republican senators who voted not guilty on both counts were John Chafee (R.I.), Susan Collins (Maine), James Jeffords (Vt.), Olympia Snowe (Maine) and Arlen Specter (Pa.).

Republican Sens. Slade Gorton

(Wash.), Richard Shelby (Ala.), Ted Stevens (Alaska), Fred Thompson (Tenn.) and John Warner (Va.) voted not guilty on the perjury charge.

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Chief Justice William Rehnquist Constitution

"It's amazing to Democrats) can as much as they did Hatch (R-Utah).

"I think the worked today," said

Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.). "The United States Senate decided not to nullify the last election."

Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), who served as chief trial manager, said the House managers' case was damaged by the need to work around Senate rules.

"I have no regrets," Hyde said. "We fulfilled our oath of office to discharge our duty according to the Constitution and when elected officials do that, democracy works."

An attempt to formally censure Clinton brought to the floor by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), was blocked from a vote. Both Republicans and Democrats have expressed concern about the effect and drawbacks of censure.

"I think no censure should follow," said Warner, who surprised many observers by voting not guilty on the perjury charge. "This matter should be put to rest. This president is now a wounded president. We've got to come together as a nation and let no nation abroad perceive that we are weakened."

Feinstein said she hopes to raise the resolution later. Other senators are considering a "declaration of censure" that would be added to the Congressional Record but

Senators on both sides of the aisle expressed interest in moving past the impeachment proceedings and onto other legislative business.

"At long last we can get back to the issues our country is so determined to have us deal with," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.).

"There's an array of issues out there that we've got to address. We look forward to working with everyone in the administration to accomplish some real policy."

"I'm not going to let (the impeachment trial) cloud my idea of what we should be doing. We're going to move forward legislatively and if (Clinton) will join us, that'll be fine," said Sen. Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) "We're going to do the best we can for the people of this country to address the issues they're concerned about," he said.



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DJ's offer variety to radio station format

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Burton.

This semester, they plan to include the same mix of talk, sing-alongs, guest interviews, and serious issues that gave them such a favorable response. Johnston, who stated that this will be "pretty much a silly show," plans to play mostly rock and alternative music.

Listen for artists such as Dave Matthews Band, Pearl Jam, Paul Simon, and Stevie Wonder. "The Hour of Power" will air from 2:05 to 4:00 on Tuesdays.

Joseph Pandit and Bryan Stephenson, Gamma Xi pledge brothers, will present "The Undercarriage" from 12:55 to 2:05 TRE. Theirs, too, will be a "fun show," and they plan to have as guests "people around campus that you always wanted to hear on the radio."

In addition to special guests, the format will include call-ins and trivia questions with possible prizes.

In between interviews and all the hullabaloo, "The Undercarriage" will play mostly classic rock from artists like Alice in Chains, The Eagles, Bad Company, and The Grateful Dead.

According to Chuck Jones, the student coordinator, Lipscomb Student Radio will be a valuable experience for all those involved and will "help students' feelings and concerns to be more quickly and easily communicated."

Lipscomb Student Radio Schedule:

Sunday Evening

8-11 Tess Dexter 11-12 EMPTY 12-1 Ethan Hodge

Monday

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning Talk 8:45-9:55 Mesa Carlson Sports

Talk 9:55-11:05 Becca Horn/Jeff Morris CHAPEL

11:45-12:55 Joseph Pandit 12:55-2:05 Jonathan Dickerson 2:05-3:15 Rachel Lee/Christi Bowling

3:15-4:00 David Strunk/Stuart Ross 4-5 Jason Oliphant/Adam Metz 5-6 Erin Waldrep/Jennifer Merritt

6-8 Blake Axsom/Travis Myers 8-11 Barrett Reed/Brooke Berrie 11-12 EMPTY

12-1 Ethan Hodge

4-5 Crystle Price

Tuesday

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning Talk 8:45-9:55 Joshua Corbitt 9:55-11:05 Larry Eldridge CHAPEL 11:45-2:05 Maurice Miller 2:05-4:00 Hunter Johnston 5-6 Joel Leonard/Zach Sutherland 6-8 Robert Scobey/Justin Breeden 8-9 Pete Westerholm/Tara Burnette 9-11 Brad Joiner ? 11-12 EMPTY 12-1 Ethan Hodge

Wednesday

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning
Talk
8:45-9:55 Mesa Carlson
9:55-11:05 Becca Horn/Jeff Morris
CHAPEL
11:45-2:05 Angela Carnahan
2:05-3:15 Rachel Lee/Christi Bowling
3:15-6 Rob Sanders/Chris Adams
6-7 EMPTY
7-8 EMPTY
8-9 EMPTY
9-10 EMPTY
10-11 Ben Rains
11-12 EMPTY

Thursday

12-1 Ethan Hodge

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning Talk 8:45-9:55 Joshua Corbitt 9:55-11:05 EMPTY CHAPEL 11:45-12:55 Bryan Stephenson 12:55-2:05 Bryan Stephenson/Joseph Pandit 2:05-4:00 Adam Priddy 4-6 EMPTY
6-8 Blake Axsom/Travis Myers
8-9 Jonathan Dickerson
9-11 Aron Wright/Tim Wrinkle
11-12 EMPTY
12-1 Ethan Hodge

Even Friday

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning
Talk
8:45-9:55 Joshua Corbitt
9:55-11:05 Sam Crutcher/Addison
James
CHAPEL
11:45-12:55 Chuck Jones
12:55-2:05 Bryan
Stephenson/Joseph Pandit
2:05-3:15 Barrett Reed/Brooke
Berrie
3:15-5:00 David Strunk/Stuart Ross
5:00-7:00 Gabriel Kraft

Odd Friday

Talk
8:45-9:55 Mesa Carlson Sports
Talk
9:55-11:05 Ben Rains
CHAPEL
11:45-2:05 Angela Carnahan
2:05-3:15 Rachel Lee/Christi Bowling
3:15-5:00 David Strunk/Stuart Ross

5:00-7:00 Gabriel Kraft

7:00-8:45 Steve Shirley Morning

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Theater students present night of one act plays

Plays enable students to showcase their talents

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Man in the Bowler Hat, The Ransom of Emily Jane and Graceland may not mean much to you, but they should.

This weekend Lipscomb is in for a treat when students present these three one-act

"The one-acts are a lot of fun," said Jason Davidson, who is directing The Man in the Bowler Hat. "They also offer students an opportunity to support a department at Lipscomb that is not as well known as others.'

The plays, while all distinctly different, are all comedies.

Davidson describes The Man in the Bowler Hat as a straight melodrama with a fairly detailed plot.

The Ransom of Emily Jane, which will

be directed by Deb Holloway, is about two kidnappers who decide to kidnap Emily Jane. Things don't turn out quite like they plan though when they discover how annoying she is and want to get rid of her.

The third play, Graceland, is the story of two women who meet in front of Elvis' home three days before it opens in 1982. After the women meet each other they are able to discuss how Elvis has changed their

Graceland will be directed by Kari Himelrick and Jessica Jones, who will also star in the play.

These plays, which are different that the typical production at Lipscomb, offer students with an opportunity to not only act but also direct.

According to Davidson one of the nice things that Lipscomb is able to offer theater students is the opportunity to work on smaller projects and to direct. Students attending larger universities are rarely given the chance to direct plays.

"This year many of the actors in the one-acts are making their first appearance in a Lipscomb production,"said Davidson. "Sometimes the one-acts are the stepping stone for future talent at Lipscomb."

Students began casting and rehearsals for the plays during the second week of school and have been working on them for the majority of the semester.

"I think students will really enjoy the plays," said Caleb Gray, who is starring in The Man in the Bowler Hat. "The one-acts represent several different types of comedy that should appeal to most every-

The one-acts will be presented in Arena Theater Feb. 18-20. Each performance will begin at 7:30 and is free. Students planning to attend the productions should arrive to the theater early because seating is extremely limited.



PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Caleb Gray and Rachel Holman rehearse their parts in The Man and the Bowler Hat, one of the plays to be performed this weekend in Arena Theater.

The Lipscomb Theater Department will present an evening of One Act plays Feb. 18-20.



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Friends and Faculty series to present local pianist

Program will blend music with the visual

BY WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

Music fans at Lipscomb are in for a treat.

Dr. Richard Scott, an associate professor in the Department of Music at Murray State University in Kentucky, will give a lecture-recital. The program is entitled Composer in Transition: Karol Szymanowski'

The program is divided into three parts Romanticism, Symbolism, and Primitivism/Nationalism which demonstrate the different periods of Szymanowski. Szymanowski's work is featured in all tree sec-

The program was developed in 1996 in Germany for a Professional Development Seminar. During the seminar Scott went to Poland where he visited Szymanowski's

Scott's work combines visual and auditory art and will include the works of such artists as Kaspar David Friedrich, Eugene Delacroix, Gustave Moreau, Pablo Picasso and many others. The program while featuring Karol Szymanowski will also include Claude Debussy, Alexander Scriabin and others.

Scott has degrees in piano performing from University of the Pacific and the University of Washington and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has served alternatively as Vice president for Production and Vice President for Programming in the Directors/ Executive Committee of the Murray Civic Music Association from

The recital will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 8:00 p.m. in The Ward Lecture Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Chuck Jones brings unique style to campus

BY KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

Chuck Jones is probably best known to Lipscomb from Rites of Spring appearances and an impressive self-promotion campaign. Jones, who describes his style as "very wordy, with an attempt to be melodic," is one of the talented performers on campus.

Influenced by church music and forced piano lessons, call to music when creative endeavors and he heard "The Gambler" by Kenny explaining myself to Rogers. He wrote his first song before my parents. high school; and, although he doesn't

remember the words, says that it was "probably about a girl."

Jones learned guitar without taking a single lesson, and he played the way that was most comfortable for him. A lefty trapped in a world of right-handers, he plays "up-side down," with the strings towards the right rather than the left. According to Jones, it's "too late to learn to play [right side up] because it would fry my brain."

In the tradition of many folk singers, he learned harmonica as well, teaching himself another instrument. Most of his songs now include guitar, harmonica, and vocal

Musicians such as They Might Be Giants and Steve Earl contribute influence to Jones's style, but he has his own unique way of forming ideas. Most of the time, he said, he finds words that rhyme and then

works them into a meaning he agrees with. Unlike the methods used by most songwriters, Jones said he starts with "a cool title and months later come[s] up with a song for it."

His unique, wry slant on things comes across clearly in crowd pleasers such as "Slab of Pie" and the infamous "Atheist Girlfriend," soon to be reworked into "Geriatric Girlfriend."

Even though he I would like to spend likes the applause, Jones said that one of forced piano lessons,
Jones received his most of my time on the things he enjoys most about performing is "being able to be myself for a few hours." He feels that his style has matured Chuck Jones since his first attempts at songwriting, and

said that his music now "gives a greater impression of what's going on inside. I hope that my songs have become more listenable and varietous."

Since coming to Lipscomb four years ago, Jones has performed twice at Rites of Spring. He produced a CD two years ago and has performed at numerous Nashville venues with the Chuck Jones Aggregate. Currently an SGA senior senator and the student coordinator for Lipscomb Student Radio, Jones was one of the driving forces behind the highly successful SGA sponsored Writer's Nights.

Although he will graduate in May, Jones has no plans to leave his music career behind. Not yet sure which road will get him where he wants to go, he said, "I would like to spend most of my time on creative endeavors and explaining myself to my parents."

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Editorials

Renovations signal marked improvement

changes to the Student Center.

The administration has gathered the financial backing to embark on a widesweeping renovation of the Student Center. The renovations will drastically alter the layout and usage of the building.

The changes address one of the most pressing needs of the campus. In conjuncture with other changes in Lipscomb policy, the Student Center renovation signals a marked commitment to improving student life on campus.

With a student population of about 2,500, Lipscomb sorely needs a student center that fully serves the purpose of being the center of campus life.

A student center should be a place where students can gather and interact with one another in a relaxed and friendly environment. The center should provide an area for recreation and entertainment. It should best utilize the space available to provide the students with the best features.

With the proposed renovations, the

The time has come to make some Lipscomb Student Center can become that

Currently, any student who regularly visits the Student Center knows it is outdated and antiquated. The layout of the building is not functional for the today's

Food is transported between three floors before it is served. The serving lines upstairs can not accomodate a large group of students at once.

There is no recreation area in the building. Nowhere for students to relax after a day of classes. Nor can students gather to watch an event on television together without either being distracted or distracting

The bookstore is cramped and crowded. It doesn't have enough space to carry a full line of student materials or university

The building is not fully handicapped accessible. Any student requiring the use of an elevator is forced to use a freight ele-

But with the proposed changes, these concerns will all be addressed. The plans will create a student center that is functional and efficient.

Additionally, the SGA offices may be moved to a more accessible site on the bottom floor. This will aid in the senators' efforts to be available to students. It will also aid the senate in its communicate with students

But the process is final yet. There is still much work to be done on the plans and renovations. And students can help this process go smoothly.

Call president Flatt's office or send an e-mail to him telling him what you think of the proposed plans. Do you like the changes? Do you hate the ideas? Is there something that should be added? Let him know your opinions.

These changes are intended to improve student life. It is the students that are the focus of the changes. Students, therefore, are the final judges of the value of the proposed changes.

Give blood and save a life

Next week Circle K will once again sponsor a blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross.

As a university we focus much of our attention on helping others. Whether it be victims of hurricane Mitch or a student in need, we belong to a generous student body that is willing to assist in a variety of situations.

Giving blood is one of the simplest ways to not only help someone in a temporary situation, but to actually save their life. You don't have to go to the inner city or into a foreign country to help people, simply walk over the basement of Elam, and in one hour you can make a difference in someone's life.

There are many excuses for not giving blood, but few good reasons. Most people dread needles and many of us figure if blood is vital to life then we need all of it we can get ourselves.

The fact is giving blood is not very hard at all. All it requires is a little time and patience. The most important part of giving blood is simply realizing that something causing you little to no discomfort, will actually give someone else the chance

The blood drive will take place Feb. 23-25. Sign up for a time to give blood and find out more information, at the table in the Student Center.

We encourage you to take a little time from your schedule next week and give blood. You will walk away feeling a lot better than you think.

Editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BAB-BLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address.

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Special contributors to The Babbler

Student Voices

What renovations would you make to the Student Center?



Jonathan Thomas

"I think bigger TV's with VCR's would be nice because students could watch movies.'



Jessica Johnson

"I think a Chick-fil-a would be a positive addition to the student center."



Kendra Pigg

"It will be good th have a place on campus that is open 24 hours.



Lisa Fleck

"A larger area for students to stand and talk in would be nice."

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Getting our money's worth from commercials

typing this column in on a Saturday morning, I can't help but think about something I saw on television last night.

My wife and I were watching a show we had taped "several" weeks ago when I BY STEVE SHIRLEY saw the most recent



Lipscomb television commercial. You probably saw it too.

The commercial shows a "student" taking notes in class and then studying in his dorm room. He passes up the chance to go play some ball with buddies to continue studying. Later in the commercial, the "professor" hands back the paper or exam (you can't really tell) and the student smiles at his grade. The closing shot is a scene on the swing in front of Johnson where the "professor" tells the student that he "really nailed that assignment."

Basically, to quote my wife, "It is the dumbest commercial I've ever seen."

I don't know how much that commercial cost, but it looked so fake as to be worthless. We pay good money to the production company, the actors and the television station for the time slot. And what do we have to show for it? A boring piece of junk that wouldn't persuade one student to come to Lipscomb.

Of course, I seriously doubt many students saw the commercial since it usually ran between 6 and 9 a.m. during the morning news time slots. Not a prime time to catch prospective students in front of a television.

For those of you who haven't been around long, Lipscomb hasn't had a lot of success in the commercials they have done. I remember the psychedelic one from a few years back that would give you a headache trying to watch it. Who could ever forget the editing job that created the "When I think of Lipscomb, I just go: Oooohhh!"

So, being the considerate student that I am, I thought I might give some suggestions to those in Crisman who make decisions on commercials.

First, ditch the company you hired to create the commercial. They wasted our money.

Instead, hire Drew Talbert and Wes Driver to write, direct and produce the shoot. Anybody who has seen these two guys' work knows they would run circles around the "professional" group we used and for a fraction of the price. Use Lipscomb students to edit and package the piece. Lay some music from student bands over the commercial to set the right mood.

Second, use actual Lipscomb students and professors (and maybe even real administrators) as the actors. (Rumor is that some of the actors were Belmont students.) They seem just a bit more believable. Plus, I think most students and professors would be honored to just be in the commercial and wouldn't ask for compen-

Third, try to put something a bit more exciting in the commercial. Might I suggest clips of intramural sports, the student center at lunch time, writer's night, concerts, pledging, basketball games, dorm life, on campus worship services, Tuesday night devos, students volunteering for tornado cleanup, students involved with Inner City mentoring, etc.

Real students. Real professors. Real life. Real experiences. Basically, show the REAL Lipscomb.

That is what prospective students want to see. That is what is attractive about this school to an outsider.

Fourth, do try to put the commercial in a better time slot. I think Crisman got their a.m. and p.m. mixed up. The commercial should run between 6 and 9 p.m. A later time slot would be good too as teenagers are rumored to stay up kind of late.

Finally, try running the commercial past a focus group of Lipscomb students. Ask them if your new commercial would have appealed to them when they were making a choice on what school to go

I hope these suggestions save Lipscomb from the embarrassment of putting out another "dumb" commercial.

Giving Gallup my two cents

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA -- In my so-called life, I find that I rarely do anything truly important, anything that makes or shapes world and public opinion. On Monday night, however, I got to make a genuine difference. OK. Fine. On Monday night I became 1/3000th of Bill Clinton's approval rating. Heaven bless the good people of the Gallup poll for letting me shape our president's self-worth.

Actually, heaven bless demographic quotas. The random number generator at

The personality-free the Gallup number, but it was only voice began to ask me if I people end male in my apartment approved of several differ- responses

> from ignoembarrassed far more often than those that range from intellectual to, well, correct. I, for example, just don't know if the United States has troops in Bosnia at this minute or if Americans serving with the United

Nations peacekeeping forces count.

For the last couple of days, I've been attention to the Bosnian crisis has been "not enough."

The Gallup poll runs on the notion that

the "average" people stand out after the goofballs have neutralized themselves. But some of the questions just beg for people to run screaming for eclecticism. Be honest, when somebody asks you for your favorite presidents from history, don't you desperately want to destroy their data by fighting for lost causes like Chester A. Arthur, who had the greatest handle-bar mustache of any chief executive, or Calvin Coolidge, who never said anything at all?

When "Chris" the Gallup Man asked me this question, I had to stifle more creative urges -- Hayes! Harrison! Harding! -to mutter names like Wilson, Lincoln, clichés like that. But if the creative people would just give in to their darker urges... Hard to tell what might happen. People actually believe in these polls.

Mostly, they believe in them because no matter what position you're trying to prop up, there's a question just confusing enough to put you in the majority. Among the 20 to 30 different questions about gun control and the NRA, for example, I'm sure that at least once I said that automatic firearms are a nifty idea. I was just that

So now that I'm Gallup certified, you'll probably trust me more, right? I suspect roughly 65 percent of you will respond with the same answer I gave when "Chris" asked if I approved of the Gerald Ford presidency: You're kidding, right?

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The Spiritual Column Worth the paper

it is written on?

BY JIM JACKSON

In big, bold letters, the flyer proclaimed, "YOU'VE WON THIS FABU-LOUS VACATION HOME -- GUARAN-TEED!!" Another mailer declared I had already won \$11 million, guaranteed. Since I hadn't entered either contest, I peered at the small (very small) print, on both contest forms and found basically the same message, "If you return the winning entry, we will announce..." It seems that many guarantees and warranties today fall short of their promises.

Small print containing crucial data about the true nature of the contest is clearly intended to deceive. Creative word usage often masks the unreliability of the 'guaranteed' product, service, contest, etc. A friend once bought an article of clothing that was 'guaranteed shrink resistant'. When the garment was returned, in miniature form, the clerk pointed out that"'shrink resistant' means the garment will shrink, but it doesn't like to."

Probably the most honest sales situations are those in which the potential buyer is advised up front that no warranty is offered, written or implied. At least the consumer decides on the purchase with no preconceived notions. The increasing lack of integrity that seems to be overtaking societal mores today seems to be rampant in warranties and guarantees. Conditions, legalese, small print and outright deceptive and misleading information abound. One wonders whether there is any warranty or guarantee that is worth the paper it is printed on. The good news is that there certain-

There is one guarantee that is good for life--Eternal Life. Most people are familiar with John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," but the Holy Scripture also says in 1John 5:13; "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God." It doesn't say that you may guess whether you have eternal life. It doesn't include small print or conditions. There is no warranty to expire, and you can't be good enough to earn it. It is a free gift. The criminal who was being crucified with Christ simply showed repentance for his sins and asked Jesus for mercy. There was no time to go back and do a mountain of good, or to perform any rituals or service, yet, Christ told the man that he would, that day, be with him in par-

The guarantee offered by our Savior has no strings attached, truly unconditional, and is available to all who will receive

Jackson is a columnist with The Amy Foundation.

Gallup headquarters may have spit out my phone my status as the youngest between the ages of 18-25 that made my opinion ent countries. valuable.

That's about all that matters to Gallup, you see. My education? Nope. My political leanings? Not so much. My presence as an informed young adult immersed in a legion of newsprint? You've gotta be kidding. No, the Gallup polling process, a "grueling" 15minute list of socio-economic-politico-sexual queries, actually thrives on making the surprised samples act like morons. That may well be something for the ruling class to consider before they trust the findings as reported in USA Today or CNN. Or at least I sure felt like a fool.

First question: Do you approve of Bill Clinton's job in office? Sure. Why not? I can be enlightened enough to differentiate between the liberal and the libido. I've read enough statistics to know that I'm comfortably in the majority on this one. Or at least a majority of people like me, young folks lured into a false sense of security by an easy first question.

Then questions started getting odder. The personality-free voice began to ask me if I approved of several different countries. Just that broad. Nothing more specific. Foreign policies? Standards of living? Personal hygiene? Nah.

that range

checking the news to see if I get humiliated via a story, "And 75 percent of American youths are too stupid to know where we hide our soldiers." Oops. Fortunately, the pollster allowed me to apologize for my obliviousness by confessing that my recent

Women's Studies program could add a wealth of benefits

ADDIE HILL STAFF WRITER

Feminism is a word rarely heard on this campus.

Perhaps the negative connotations of this view frighten students from interest in it. Perhaps tradition stifles students' openness to it. Possibly, remainders of a now obsolete, male-centered environment prevents it from reaching its full potential. For many students, the mention of feminism immediately conjures visions of angry women, screaming about oppression, burning bras, and praising Gloria Steinem.

Today, stereotypes label many feminist arguments as far-fetched and eccentric. Feminists equal "men-haters" in too many minds. The idea of feminists as harsh critics of males obviously contradicts Christian thought, but the idea of a special focus on females as a gender does

"The avoidance of feminism is a sad reflection of a narrow-minded mentality

promoted on campus," said Shelly Mitchell, a junior English major from nism is a sad reflection of a broaden their Montgomery, Ala. "Students adopt borrowed opinions due to a lack of resources to develop their own, personal opinions.'

This close-minded situation blocks out the positive aspects of feminism. Feminism offers a different point of view to all people. In a true learning institution, stu-

promoted on campus."

dents gain knowledge by discovering new ways of viewing life--through a microscope, an author's perspective, a philosopher's theories, or a top salesperson's tactics. The student then, granted these diverse views, determines which to accept as true or which to deny as false.

Women offer different views to all fields. Feminism is simply recognition and a celebration of their contribution to society. It is not a threatening belief on a spiritual campus.

"At Lipscomb the promotion of any issue can be approached by applying the principles this university always has employed -- prayer, study of and submission to God," said Vonda Givens, instructor in the department of communications.

"While women are not ontologically different than men--we are all humans-their perspectives are both unique and under represented on Lipscomb's campus," said Josh Brewer, a senior English

The implementation of a women's studies program here at Lipscomb could

all students "The avoidance of femi- another opportunity to horizons. Lipnarrow-minded mentality scomb lacks the faculty size and facili-**Shelly Mitchell** ties to offer a wide range of

options in this field, but a few courses would be more beneficial than none.

Women's courses, although not limited to women students, focus on a female influence in any field. At the University of Texas, although a school with more than 50,000 students, the classes range from Women in Science to English Women in History. Considering our religious focus,

a course on Women in the Bible would benefit all Bible majors.

Also, tion at Lipscomb may not be prepared for obstacles in the outside world.

"With the new administration and the values' and vision statements, great energy is being issued in to the exteriors of this campus," Mitchell said. "What progress is being made toward the individual and, specifically, her role in the 21st century?"

These courses can help women, and men, to recognize the profound effect that women have on society and the roles and challenges that they face in the working

Other schools also encourage or promote women's organizations based on majors. In these groups, females of a certain major gather together once or twice a month and discuss their common interests.

A Women's Studies program would lead to an addition of female professors and instructors. The 1998-99 Lipscomb University Undergraduate Catalog lists 27 female faculty members and 101 male faculty members. The administration should continue to demonstrate an intensified search for female teachers in an effort to coordinate a female interest on campus.

Last year Lipscomb hired six new fulltime faculty members, four of which are women.

"The administration here at Lipscomb

has gone out "The administration here at of its way to Lipscomb has gone out of its way to offer me every opportu- tunity to sucfemale popula- nity to succeed in my career."

Mary Morris Assistant Professor of Education

every opporceed in my career," said Mary Morris, assistant professor education.

Finding women who meet both the educational and religious criteria required of Lipscomb professors is not always easy for the university.

"I do not think the university has any intention of discriminating against women," said Morris. "There simply are not many women within the churches of Christ who hold graduate degrees and want to teach."

Women's Studies courses and an increase in female staff members would help eliminate the negative stereotypes of feminism. They would create a more knowledgeable, open-minded student body with a better preparation for life outside of Lipscomb society.

This modern thinking on campus would aid in the development of a deserved admiration for women's thoughts and accomplishments, a necessity in the coming century.

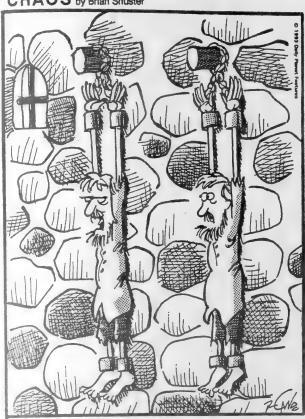
Christy Justice contributed to this report.

How does Lipscomb compare to other schools?

The data below are based on the number of full time faculty members. Special women's courses are defined as classes that are exclusively for women and classes on women's issues that are offered to both genders.

University	% of female faculty members	# of female department chairs	# of female deans	special women's courses
Abilene Christian University	25		2 of 4	0
Fisk University	42.8	6 of 16	1 of 1	several
Freed-Hardeman University	35	3 of 10	0	yes
Harding University	30	1 of 13	1 of 5	1
Lipscomb University	27	3 of 22	2 of 5	VAC
Ohio Valley College	27	2	2	yes
Oklahoma Christian University	25.5	1 of 12	0	3
Tusculum College	39	6	1	3
Rhodes College	30	26%	1 of 8	1
Trevecca Nazarene University	31	4	0	1
Union University	47	8 of 16	2 of 5	0
York College	17	1 of 5		0

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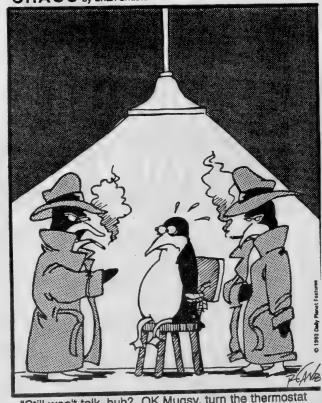
"Psst, buddy . . . got any Grey Poupon?"

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"You think you're some kind of wise guy, eh? You hear this, Vinny . . . he thinks he's a real wise

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Coming Events

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The Lipscomb University Jazz Band will present its winter concert Feb. 18 in Ward Lecture Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m. and admission is free. For more info, call the music department at ext. 2258.

The deadline for entries in the Creative Writing Contest is today. Pick up application forms on the door of Swang 122.

The Lipscomb University Concert Band will present its winter concert Feb. 22 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call the music department at ext. 2258.

Teacher Recruitment Week will be held Feb. 22-25. Call the Career Center at 1792 for more information.

The Red Cross will conduct its spring blood drive Feb. 23-25.

Singarama '99 will be held March 4-6 in Willard Collins Alumni Auditorium.

The last day to drop classes is March 10.

The Artist Series will feature pianist William Black on March 11. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be held in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

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ТФ 52	Todd "In The" Hood	Big Blue	19.6
	Mark "Cabbie" Cabaniss	Big Red	19
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	Jason Robertson	Hoppin Honkey's	15.6
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Last week's "I Beat The Babbler" winner: Zac Smith with an 8-3 record.

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Overall student champion: Zac Smith

Meyer becomes only 18th coach to reach 700 victories

SPORTS

BY KRISTA BRANTLY
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina. Kentucky. Indiana. Kansas. Lipscomb. Wonder what these schools have in common?

Maybe this will make it easier: Dean Smith. Adolph Rupp. Bobby Knight. Phog Allen. Don Meyer.

If that does not clear it up, then perhaps you live in a cave or have just chosen not to be a fan of the great sport of basketball.

Just in case, here it is in plain English. These men are among the winningest college basketball coaches of all time.

Last Saturday night with a victory over Lee College in McQuiddy Gymnasium, Lipscomb head coach Don Meyer became the youngest coach ever to achieve 700 career wins. It took Meyer just 27 seasons to reach the landmark victory and join the elite list that includes just 18 coaches.

Meyer began his career as a head coach at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. The program was 30-117 in the six seasons prior to his arrival. The first of his 700 career victories came seven games into that season on the way to a 5-20 record. The following two seasons, Meyer led the Fighting Pipers to records of 16-10 and 17-11, including the 1975 NCAA Division III Western Division Championship.

He then came to Lipscomb in 1975 to take over a program with a 92-133 record in the previous nine seasons. Over the 24 seasons since then, he has recorded 664 wins and 175 losses, a winning percentage of 79.1%.

Meyer has accumulated several other accolades and achievements as well. Following is a short list:

- 1986 NAIA National Championship
- 11 conference titles
- 12 trips to the NAIA tournament
- 12 30+ win seasons, including 6 straight from '87-'92
- 20 20+ win seasons, including 15 straight 25+ win seasons
- First four-year school to win 40+ games in one season
- 19 All-Americans and 13 NAIA Scholar Athletes

In spite of his great accomplishments, Meyer remains humble and task oriented.

"There are a lot of wins where it's not something you can enjoy because you have

The '700 Club'

All-time winningest college basketball coaches

Rank/Name	School	Record	Yrs.
1. Dean Smith	North Carolina	879-254	36
2. Adolph Rupp	Kentucky	876-190	41
3 Clarence Gaines	Winston Salem	816-190	45
4. Jim Phalen	Mt. St. Mary's	797-440	45
5. Henry Iba	Oklahoma State	767-338	41
6. Ed Diddle	West, Kentucky	759-302	42
7. Jerry Johnson	LeMoyne Owen	750-338	41
8. Phog Allen	Kansas	746-264	48
9. Bob Knight	Indiana	739-279	34
10. Harry Statham	McKendree	728-372	33
11. Norm Stewart	Missouri	728-295	38
12. Ray Meyer	DePaul	724-354	42
13. Jody Conradt	Texas (Women)	724-222	30
14. Don Haskins	UTEP	719-348	38
15. Lefty Driesell	Georgia State	712-357	37
16. Jerry Tarkanian	Fresno State	705-167	28
17. Dick Sauers	Albany, N.Y.	702-330	41
18. Don Meyer	Lipscomb	701-216	27
19. Lou Henson	New Mexico	699-350	36
20. Pat Summitt	Tennessee (Women)	688-144	25
(Active coaches in bo	ld) entering Feb. 18 games.		

to be ready to play again on Monday and you have to keep going," Meyer said Saturday after win #700.

"And everybody who's successful in any business knows that if Burton Elrod [orthopedic surgeon] rejoices over one surgery he'll probably kill the next poor guy who gets up there. You have to sort of keep an even keel and not get too excited when you do good things and not down too much when you do bad."

Nonetheless, the players, coaches and friends who were present to commemorate the milestone in Meyer's career attest to his greatness.

Former player Phillip Hutcheson, who played for Meyer from 1986-90 and is the second leading scorer in the history of college basketball with 4,106 points, said that Meyer's success lies partially in his ability to play the hand that he has been dealt, so to speak.

"I think it's pretty special when you look at the different types of players he's had over the years, and yet he's been able to win with all of them," said Hutcheson. "He's had teams that were fast-paced, slow-paced, high-scoring, low-scoring. I think it's really a tribute to the way he

coaches that he has been able to do that."

Current player Jammie Turner, a senior forward, said there is more than basketball to what makes Meyer a great coach.

"As far as the basketball aspect of it, he gets the most out of each individual player," he said. "But he is a great coach because he doesn't look only at basketball. He teaches us the facts of life. What he teaches us on the court translates to life after we are finished playing the game."

The attitudes of the Bison players and staff towards the coach are a further tribute to his success.

"I'm just happy for Coach," said sophomore guard Greg Watson. "He deserves everything he gets."

Freshman center Kyle Stephens had similar sentiments.

"Needless to say, it's a great night all around. For him, for the program, for the former players, and for us, so we're glad we could give it to him. He deserves it."

Assistant coach John Huddy agreed.

"No one deserves it more than he does, all that he puts into it. It's his whole life. He eats, sleeps and drinks it. He loves it. He deserves all he's gotten out of it."

Hutcheson said the fact that many for-

mer players were on hand to help celebrate the achievement is just one more indication of Meyer's success not only in winning basketball games but in impacting people's lives.

"It's really neat. I've seen a lot of people here tonight," said Hutcheson. "Kids that I've had in basketball camp, a lot friends who are fans, players, old campers. A lot of that is the result of the program that Coach Meyer has built up, and I think that's really more important than just the games themselves. I'm really happy for him and I hope to be here for 800."

Current players Antrone Rogers and Clancy Hall attest to this as well.

"It's beautiful," said Rogers. "All of it. He deserves everything. I'm just glad I played with him this year to get his 700th win. As a team, we're all glad. He's the best. He helps me out on the floor and off the floor. He's like my second dad. It's really special, not just for me, for all the other players too."

"It's fun to realize how important we are to him when something like this happens and he ends up giving us all the credit for it," said Hall.

"He's a good coach. You can tell he's well-liked and he does a great job when all these old players come back and have that good comraderie with their coach. As hard as he gets on us, he knows we love him and we know he loves us. I'm happy for him."

Duwain Houston, who was a manager, student assistant coach, and player between 1983 and '89, said Coach Meyer gave him much more than an education about basketball.

"A college scholarship; long lasting relationships; knowing what it means to truly give it your all; learning discipline; being part of a team and wearing a national championship ring are all things that have been possible in my life because of Coach Meyer," he said.

Coach Don Meyer has earned a spot on an elite list of winning coaches and at the same time has placed Lipscomb basketball on a level with the country's most prestigious programs.

Perhaps even more impressively, Meyer has done so while making a positive difference in the lives of all those fortunate enough to be a part of his quality program at Lipscomb.

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This week in Lipscomb Sports:

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Feb. 18 @ Lyon College 6 p.m. Feb. 20 @ Williams Baptist 2 p.m.

Feb. 22 Union 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Feb. 18 @ Lyon College 8 p.m. Feb. 20 @ Williams Baptist 4 p.m.

Feb. 22 Union 8 p.m

Baseball

Feb. 18 @Univ. of Montevallo (2) TBA

Feb. 19 @ Auburn-Montgomery 1 p.m.

Feb. 20 @Auburn-Mont. (2) Noon

Feb. 23 Belmont TBA

Feb. 24 Univ. of N. Alabama Noon

Lady Bisons looking ahead to Union

Last game of regular season will decide conference title

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

After 32 days of wondering "What if?" the Lady Bisons will finally get a chance at a rematch with Union Monday night.

"The Union game is a big night for us," said Lady Bison coach Frank Bennett. "If we win our road games in Arkansas, the game Monday night will be for a share of the title. That is assuming that Union wins their other two games as well."

The Lady Bisons will be looking forward to having the home court advantage this go around with the Lady Bulldogs. At Union, the Lady Bisons came up just two points short of the victory. A last second baseline jumper from Rachel Stark just missed finding the mark.

If the Lady Bisons win their final three games of the regular season, the worst they will finish is tied with Union atop the conference standings with 12-1 records. However, if Union loses another one of their final four games, the Lady Bisons will claim the title outright.

Lady Bison senior Heather Douglas, who will be honored after the game along with fellow seniors Anna Moss and Julie Vaughn said that the team is going into the Union game expecting the Lady Bulldogs to be undefeated in conference play.

"We can't expect someone else to beat Union for us," she said. "We have to go to Lyon and Williams Baptist and beat both of those teams. Then we will have a chance to play Union at home for the title."

Bennett said the team can not afford to look ahead to Union quite yet though.

"We still have to take care of our business," he said. "We have to go into two hostile environments and come out with wins. Lyon and Williams Baptist aren't going to just give us the wins. They will make us earn them."

While some fans chalk Bennett's comments up to coach speak, the overall records of the Arkansas school's speak of the challenge ahead.

Lyon sports a 7-3 record in conference. Williams Baptist currently owns a 2-8 con-

While the two teams will be obvious underdogs to the Lady Bisons, Douglas said the team is not looking past them to the Union game.

"We have to win the Arkansas games," Douglas said. "If we lose one of those two games, the game against Union won't be for the title. Obviously, the Union game is

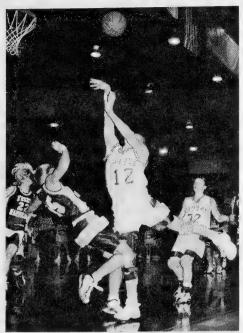


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Rachel Stark shoots for two against Freed.-Hardeman.

huge, but so are the two before then."

Monday night will be Senior Night for the Lady Bisons. Three players will play their last regular season home game before the McQuiddy crowd. Heather Douglas, Anna Moss and Julie Vaughn will be honored is a special ceremony.

The Union game begins at 6 p.m.

Bisons still in hunt for conference title

BY KRISTA BRANTLY STAFF WRITER

The Bisons chalked up three more exciting home victories during the past week.

The first came last Thursday when Lipscomb squeaked out a 76-70 victory over Berry Col-

Although Lipscomb led most of the second half, the game was tied up with just over 3 minutes to play. The Bisons hit a field goal and four key free throws in the final minutes to pull out the win.

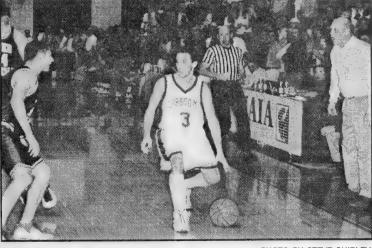
Sharpe added 14 and Bryan Farmer contributed 11.

The next victory, both more decisive and significant, was a 115-80 win over Lee. It marked the 700th career victory of Lipscomb head coach Don Meyer.

Jomo Dopwell had a career-high 26 points on 10-of-12 shooting. Kyle Stephens tied a career-high with 21 points. Rogers had 19, Jammie Turner 13, and Hermann Buchert 10.

The final triumph of the week was on Monday against long-time rival Freed-Hardeman. McQuiddy's largest crowd of the season anticipated an exciting game. The Bisons did not disappoint, defeating the Lions 81-68.

Although the Bisons were down by one at the intermission, they took the lead for good two and a half minutes into the sec-



Antrone Rogers led the Allen Sharpe looks to drive the baseline against a Freed defender. Bisons with 15 points. Allen Bison coach Don Meyer shouts instructions to the team.

Lipscomb was led by Adam Sonn's 22 points and career-high 10 rebounds. Sharpe tallied 17 and Rogers added 10.

Coach Meyer attributed the victory to the Bisons' superior defense.

"Defense was the single biggest factor in us winning this game," he said. "If all our guys could play defense like Chris Childress, then we would have great defense all the time."

The Bisons, 8-2 in conference play and 24-5 overall, hit the road to play Lyon College on the 18th and Williams Baptist on the 20th. They return home to face #2 Union (8-1, 26-2) on Monday in McQuiddy. The contest against former Lipscomb assistant Ralph Turner and his Bulldogs could be a battle for the regular season conference championship.

"We have to play hard and keep them from out-rebounding us," said Clancy Hall.

The Bisons could use help from the sidelines, as well.

"Having a sixth man effort from the crowd like we did against Freed is really beneficial for us," said Hall. "You might think it doesn't make a difference, but it does."

If the excitement of the game itself is not enough to draw people to the gym, then perhaps this will: Monday will be Senior Night and the last opportunity for Bison fans to see Jammie Turner and Bryan Farmer play a regular-season

game in a Bison uniform.

Monday will also mark the last time this season fans can show their support by participating in Purple and Gold night and Operation Cover McQuiddy.

Fans are encouraged to paper the walls of the gym with their signs and banners supporting the Bisons and to sport their school colors at the game. Entries can be hung anytime between now and game day.

The creators of the three best banners and fan best exemplifying "Purple & Gold Night" will receive generous prize pack-

Die-hard fans and curious on-lookers alike will not want to miss this opportunity to support the Bisons in the last, and perhaps most exciting, game of the regular

The Sports Column

Cheers & jeers

In honor of some of the more "established" sports journalists out there, I have decided to create my own sports awards.

So here we have the inaugural "Blabbies." (The name needs work.)



STEVE SHIRLEY COLUMNIST

◆ The "Horse Blinders Award"--Greg Pogue, SportsNashville

In his Feb. 11 column, Pogue blamed the ugly scene surrounding the ejection of Joni Votaw at the Lipscomb-Trevecca game on the refs and cops. Pogue should know better. Votaw clearly was to blame for much of the post-ejection controversy.

◆ The "I Have to Fill Some Space Award"--Wendy Smith, The Tennessean

Smith wrote a preview piece detailing Don Meyer's march toward 700 wins in the Feb. 11 issue of The Tennessean. The article, which looked like it was thrown together at the last minute, finished by describing rooms in Meyer's house. You have to read the article to feel the full brunt of the stupidity. The space in question should have been filled by more quotes from past players.

♦ The "Do Women Count Too? Award"--The Tennessean

In its list of "All-time winningest college basketball coaches," The Tennessean failed to mention Jody Conradt, head coach of the University of Texas women's team. For the record, Conradt has 722 wins in 30 years of coaching.

◆ The "Don't Ever Let Them See You Smile Award"--Don Meyer

After notching victory number 700, Meyer didn't break a smile during the photo sessions and award presentations following the game.. However, when his wife was given roses, Meyer was visibly moved. Meyer may be a softy after all.

◆ The "Big Fish That Got Away Award"--The Lipscomb athletic depart-

To commemorate Meyer's historic win, the plan was to have John Wooden to call in during the locker room show to offer congratulations. Unfortunately, those plans fell through. The back up plan: Meyer called his mother.

◆ The "Where Have You Been All Year? Award"--Lipscomb students

For the first time all year, McQuiddy actually had some electricity Monday night at the Freed game. Too bad the Lady Bisons couldn't share in the love.

◆ The "Spell Check Is Worthless Award"--Steve Shirley

In one of the dumbest mistakes I've made as a reporter, I misspelled Shelley Sims' name 27 times last week. Shelley's last name contains only one "m." In a related mistake, Christi Sims has only one "m" in her name as well. To these two players, I apologize. It was a careless and lazy mistake on my part.

Look to page 8 for wrap up of the Intramural season. Also don't forget to check out page 10 to find out about March Madness.

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36th annual Singarama all fun and games

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR** AND LYDIA CUTHRELL STAFF WRITER

It was "all fun and games" Saturday night in Alumni Auditorium as students presented the 36th annual Singarama. The groups competing this year were "Family Feud," "Let's Make a Deal," and "The Price is Right.'

Although the number of hosts and hostesses seems to vary each year, this year there were two hosts and two hostesses. The hostesses were Angela Long, president of Delta Delta and a Singarama veteran, and Mandi Shannon, a junior elementary education major and athletic director for Pi Delta. Matt Chance, winner of two Singarama Willard Awards and member of Sigma Iota Delta, and Phillip Denny, who sings with the gospel quartet Glad Tidings off campus, were the hosts.

The four brought a unique blend of talent and personality to the Singarama stage, and their performances between shows kept the evening flowing smoothly.

The evening opened with the hosts and hostesses singing "I Believe," and the foursome sang fearlessly both as an ensemble and as soloists. The show gained energy and personality as the evening progressed.



PHOTO BY BRAD RUDDER

Students performing in Let's Make a Deal practice for Singarama 1999.

"Family Feud" was the first performance of the evening. Directed by Kent Messner, this story about two families of pirates stranded on a desert island was full of enough "Arrrrr!"s to make Davey Jones turn in his watery grave. Despite sparse sets, the stage came alive with cute costumes and vibrant characters, from the forceful gypsy-like mother of the heroine to the coconut stealing narrator.

Perhaps it was the amazing choreography that most set this show apart. Great dances were present in every song, beginning with a well-worked Bohemian Rhapsody and running through the "Nago" jungle dance that, despite the fact that not a word was understandable, was still enjoy-

Writers and directors for "Family Feud" may have taken a risk in asking the audience to suspend disbelief, but it worked out well in the end. For example, upon discovering that a "redbelly" girl had

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Semester nears end, proposals come quickly

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

The SGA is finishing the semester with a flurry of new proposals.

In the past three meetings, the SGA has considered eight new proposals. Prior to the SGA's Feb. 22 meeting, only two proposals had been passed by thesenate.

In its Feb. 22 meeting, the SGA passed two new proposals dealing with student

ST-3-98/99 was submitted to the SGA by sophomore senator Ricky Holaway. The proposal called for a sidewalk to be built from the front of High Rise dormitory to the street between High Rise and Year-

ST-4-98/99, submitted by sophomore senator Laura Turner, asked for access to the high school track around the football field for college students. The proposal argued that the track would provide a safe and convenient location for students to run.

Both proposals were passed by the senate and are now before the administration for approval.

In Monday night's meeting, the senate

SGA Voting Results

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- Find out how your SGA senators voted on each proposal.
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voted on four new proposals from the Student Life Committee.

The first proposal, calling for increased dorm visitations, passed 21-1. The proposal would seek to implement open dorms every Thursday from 5:30 until 10:30 p.m.

The second proposal, was an attempt to extend curfew for sophomores and freshmen until 1 a.m. on the weeknights and 1:30 on the weekends. The proposal failed to gain the two-thirds majority needed for passage falling one short shy of the necessary 17 votes.

The third proposal, delegating funds to help renovate the main weight room in the SAC, passed 17-3 with one abstention. If the proposal is approved by the administration, the SGA will provide \$4,000 for the

renovation of the general weight room.

A final proposal, asking that the maintenance of the student activites center be designated under a specific department, was tabled for further discussion until the senate's next meeting. At that time, the senate may elect to vote on the proposal.

Also on the agenda for the March 22 SGA meeting will be two new proposals, both sponsored by SGA treasurer Rachel

The first proposal calls for increasing the student minimum wages to match the standard federal minimum wage. Currently, the univeristy pays students a graduated amount from a base of 85% of federal minimum wage. Under the proposal, the pay scale for a university worker would be adjusted to begin at the federal minimum

The second proposal seeks to amend the SGA constitution to create six new senatorial positions. One additional senator would come from each class and two more at-large positions wouldbe added.

If this proposal passes, the act will be presented to the students in a referendum to be held April 14.

SGA spending focus of critics

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

Those not connected with certain email discuss groups might not realize it, but the SGA budget has been the focus of much debate the past three weeks.

Matthew McInteer, SGA president, said that senators have received a sharp increase in comments lately.

"A lot of feedback we have gotten over the budget has been negative," McInteer said. "But I am just glad we got the attention. People finally notice what we're doing."

Most of the feedback stems from an individual who posted portions of the SGA budget to a discussion group. The post contained comments and criticisms of several SGA expenditures.

McInteer said he understood why students complain about the SGA budget but that he hopes they will bring their complaints to the senate.

"Obviously, no one will be entirely happy with everything we spend money on," he said. "But I do encourage feedback. I have had a lot of good discussion with people about why did we spend this money on this."

McInteer said that students have a right to question the SGA's spending habits because it is student money.

"It is their money and we are spending it for them," McInteer said. "[Students] have every right to question how we spend the money."

McInteer said senators are very careful about how they allocate and spend SGA funds.

"The senators take that very seriously. That is why any time spending money comes up, we're usually in meetings for hours," McInteer said. "The senators are genuinely concerned about doing what is right and what is best for Lipscomb and for the student body.

"The senate never agrees completely on anything and the student body may not agree completely on anything either. But they are genuinely trying their best to discern what should be the best course

One area that McInteer said the SGA is trying to improve is the budgeting process. He said that the SGA has not produced a projected spending plan in the past but that he hopes one can be developed for the future.

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Your World at a Glance

International

Uganda is claiming that they have killed 10 more of the Rwandan rebels responsible for the kidnapping of tourists last week. Eight of the tourists, including an American, were killed during a rescue attempt.

Kosovo rebels agreed today to an accord that has been backed by western governments. United States special envoy Richard Holbrooke will now travel to Belgrade to speak to Yugslav president Slobodan Milosevic.

National

A memorial service was held on Tuesday for former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun. Considered a controversial judge, Blackmun wrote the majority opinion in Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion in 1973.

Chinese American scientist Wen Ho Lee was fired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory due to

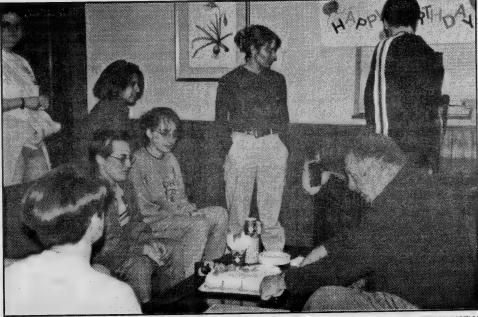


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Student host a birthday party for Billy Davis in the lobby of Fanning Hall.

suspicions that he may have leaked nuclear secrets to the Chinese government. The leaks, which occurred in the mid 1980s are believed to have offered the Chinese the information necessary to build nuclear warheads.

Local

Country Music legend George
Jones remains hospitalized at Vanderbilt Hospital after a weekend accident. Jones ran his s vehicle off a bridge near his Franklin home on Saturday and has been listed in critical condition since.

Entertainment

Analyze This the new comedy starring Billy Crystal and Robert De Niro was the number one film at the box office last weekend. Cruel Intentions the new movie featuring Nashville native, Reese Witherspoon, occupied the number two slot.

Sports

Joe DiMaggio died on Monday after a long battle with lung cancer. The former center fielder for the New York Yankees, was one of the most prominent baseball players in history with a career that spanned form 1936 to 1951.

March Madness kicks off on Thursday. The first round will be played on Thursday and Friday with the second round to follow on Saturday and Sunday. The field of 64 will be narrowed to the Sweet 16 by Sunday night.

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Budgeting process top priority

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"We knew we needed a budget," McInteer said. "It seems reasonable and logical to budget what you're going to spend."

The problem that the SGA has encountered in developing a long range budget is a lack of information on spending in the past. McInteer said that the SGA tracked its spending last year in order to help future budgeting.

"The question is what kind of budget could we have with only one year's worth of information," McInteer said. "So we

kind of decided that we would start out with just a loose budget this year. We wanted to at least get a tentative idea of "this is where we are going to spend our money.'

"The goal for budgeting for the SGA ---in the future I would like to be able to try to get farther ahead in planning. I would like to be able to say 'This chunk is going to go here and that chunk there."

McInteer said that he hopes any students who have questions about the SGA budget or how the senate allocates funds will come and speak with him. He said he can be reached at 1831.

SGA approves Terry, votes to allocate funds to festival

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

The SGA took care of some extra business in its most recent meeting.

In Monday night's meeting, the SGA unanimously approved the appointment of Josh Terry to the Honor Code Council. Terry replaces Holly Parrot who left the council to join the SGA.

Honor Code Council president David Koellein, also asked the SGA to put on the April 14 ballot a referendum concerning proposed amendments to the Academic Honor Code. Koellein said the amendments will improve the fairness and effectiveness of the code.

The SGA also unanimously approved of an allocation of \$2,500 to the International Square Fair.

The fair will showcase art, fashion, music and cultural experiences from the international community. The money will go towards providing food and refreshments and advertising for the event.

The fair will be held in Bison Square on April 9. Area elementary, middle and high school students will attend the fair. All Lipscomb students are welcome as

Students share faith over break

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

During Spring Break this year, over 140 Lipscomb students will participate in mission trips to four foreign countries and three US locations. These missions are coordinated through the Bible Department and are designed to provide students with opportunities to share Jesus.

Doug Varnado is in his tenth year as faculty coordinator for missions, and he is excited about the expansion he has seen in the program. Most trips this Spring Break are to places a Lipscomb group has gone before, but Varnado is glad that the program has expanded to include trips to Tanzania and Nigeria. For many students, this year will be a return to a place they have already visited and where, in some cases, they have kept contacts.

At a missions retreat last fall, students had opportunities to meet and get to know the members and leaders of their mission teams. When they weren't in team meetings, the approximately 150 students at the retreat attended generalized classes designed to prepare them for the types of things they could expect to encounter.

Varnado's job description as coordinator includes maintaining contact with missionaries and helping students with crosscultural understanding. The past couple of years, however, his duties have extended to helping students with fund-raising. Since all funds for mission trips are raised by stu-

dents through contact with churches and individuals, the Bible Department has made the process significantly easier by putting student accounts on the O: drive. Because updated information is accessible from any computer on campus, it is much easier for students to "see where they're going.

Participants are also preparing spiritually for their trips. Spring Break missions will be the focus of the Wednesday night prayer session on March 10th, and there will be a missions chapel on the 11th. The prayers of the student body are requested for each of these trips to share the Word of

Spring Break Mission trips and their leaders:

London, England - Dr. Mark Black, Teresa Nicks, Dr. Doug Varnado Crawley, England - Todd Beard, Ray Notgrass

Guatemala City, Guatemala - Tom Giel, Nathan Hall

Tegucigalpa, Honduras - Cheryl Lindsay

Miami Inner City - Jake Shoun Encinada, Mexico - Jeff Fincher **Atlanta Inner City**

Habitat for Humanity - Dr. Paul Prill, Dr. Jon Lawrence

Proposals up for vote by the SGA on March 22

EX-1-98/99 Proposal to increase student wages to standard, federal minimum wage This proposal seeks to set the lowest pay scale for a university student worker at minimum wage. The universityt pay scale would then be adjusted accordingly.

EX-2-98/99 Proposal to amend SGA constitution

This proposal seeks to amend the SGA constitution to create new senatorial positions. The proposal calls for six new senatorial positions to be added.

How the senate voted:

	ST-5-98/99	ST-6-98/99	ST-7/98/99
Ann Loraine Alexander	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heather E. Alteri	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jennifer L. Berry	Yes	Yes	No
Sam J. Crutcher	Yes	No	Yes
Kevin A. Duncan	No	No	Yes
Pat J. Ford	Yes	No	Yes
J. Brett Harrison	Yes	No	Yes
Ricky T. Holaway	Yes	No	Yes
Chuck W. Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rachel E. Lavender	Yes	Yes	No
Lori A. Longhurst	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steve T. Neil	Yes	No	Yes
Holly J. Parrot	Absent	Absent	Absent
Seth B. Portis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeannie C. Propst	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelly K. Reddick	Yes	No	Abstain
Amy M. Rieder	Yes	Yes	No
Patrick P. Sullivan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael A. Thomas	Absent	Absent	Absent
Carrie F. Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laura R.Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jackson S. Ware	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adam D. West	Yes	Abstain	Absent
J. Pete Westerholm	Yes '	Yes	Yes
Laura A. Williams	Absent	Absent	Absent

addingJosh Terry to the Honor Code Council.



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Circle K offers opportunity help through blood drive and I.D.D. fast

LYDIA CUTHRELL STAFF WRITER

Last week, February 23-25, was Lipscomb's second blood drive of this school year.

For weeks before the drive we read signs saying, "Your one donation saves three lives! Sign up in the student center for an appointment to save a life!" It would have been nearly impossible to miss the news that the bloodmobile was coming for your blood, but nevertheless, Lipscomb's Circle K fell fifty-five pints under its goal this semester.

With each donor giving one pint of blood, last semester's goal of 200 pints was missed by a mere six donors. Although the goals have remained the same, Lindsey Wilson, who headed up the drive, felt that campus wide illnesses and weaker publicity may have caused the drop in blood dona-

The drive was done in the basement of Elam because as Wilson says, "we outgrew I.S.S. The nurses kept complaining that the space was too small." Of all possible blood drive dilemmas, this may be the most welcome.

Even though we seem to have fallen

scomb has surpassed the Red Cross goal for our campus -- a mere 135 pints.

With the lofty goal of 200, Circle K was aiming to beat Belmont and Trevecca combined. Although this was not accomplished, it was clear that both the Red Cross and Circle K were pleased with the turnout. After all, who could be sore about saving 435 lives?

Both organizations would like to thank everyone who gave blood this semester you have certainly made a big difference in

The I.D.D. fast was yet another project tackled by Circle K this semester.

Marriott agreed to donate a specific amount of money per each student who skipped lunch on February 11 to the cause of eliminating Iodine Deficiency Disorder. This disorder is the world's most prevalent cause of preventable mental disability, and with more than one and a half billion people at risk, it is amazing that it we are not more familiar with it.

The human body only needs about a tablespoon of Iodine in a lifetime, so the United States, long ago, began the iodization of salt. In the salt that you eat everyday there is a very small amount of iodine

below our past accomplishments, Lip- that protects your children from severe mental retardation, physical disabilities, and still births. Unfortunately many people in much poorer third world countries have no means by which to acquire even this small amount of Iodine.

It is the goal of the K family (Key club, Circle K, and Kiwanis) to simply provide five cents per person each year to eliminate the disorder by the year 2000.

Last year the fast raised almost half of the \$1,000 goal. This year about 120-150 people participated in the fast, and although the amount of money raised has not yet been calculated, it looks as though the total will fall a little below last year's mark.

The I.D.D. fast is clearly a successful project, but with more support by students, this disorder could be completely eliminated in the future.

Circle K would like to encourage all students to actively participate in serving others either through the clubs sponsored projects or on your own.



Students Kristen Grile (front) and Sheila Crowell participate in the recent blood drive.

Singarama creates a fun weekend on campus

FROM PAGE 1

feelings for a "bluebeard" boy, girls in prom dresses and pirates wearing veils appeared out of nowhere for a rendition of "Wishin' and Hopin.' " The melodrama that preceded "I Can't Fight This Feeling" was high key, but the audience responded very favorably. This provided a good setup that allowed the families to solve their differences through music in "Let's Get Together.

Though each pirate deserves recognition, the 2nd annual "Most Favorite Actress Award" goes to Natalie Montgomery for her portrayal as a pirate girl with a mustache and a heart of gold. She seemed to have the whole melodrama thing under control, too.

The groups performing in "Family Feud" were Delta Nu, Delta Tau, Kappa Chi, Omega Nu, Pi Delta, and friends.

After the first show, Denny led the host and hostess team with a strong solo on "I Am Here for You," setting a comfortable, laid-back mood for the evening. Long soon pushed the show toward daring as she performed Martina McBride's number one hit "Broken Wing." Though the song requires an amazing amount of vocal power and tenacity, Long pulled it off with attitude and style.

Delta Delta, Phi Sigma, Sigma Chi Delta, Sigma Iota Delta, and friends teamed up to present "Let's Make a Deal." Directed by Amy Pike, this show told the story of events at the "Let's Make a Dill" pickle factory when the president decided to make orange pickles instead of green

pickles. working with what may seem a difficult story concept, this show proved to be the most successful of the weekend, winning every category and the Sweepstakes award.

The harmony and musical achievement in each number was very impressive, but the cohesiveness of the show as a whole was perhaps even stretching the plot to make songs purpose in the overall story. From "My Prerogative" to the pickle's lament in "It's Not Easy Being Green," each song helped create the impressive. story. The writers of "Let's Make a Deal" even managed to work in

"Come on Eileen" without stretching or damaging the plot.

As far as favorites go, it's hard to pick just one from this show of memorable characters. The most memorable song was undoubtedly "Bread and Butter;" it was marked by an amazing solo by Demetria Leonard as well as close to twenty "pregnant" girls dancing around with square bellies. The president of the company, played by Kacy Maxwell, was also completely believable as a slime-ball character, but the "My Most Favorite Actor" award goes to the pickle, Dave Strunk. Who can resist a guy who will dress up like a pickle wearing a pair of Addidas shoes?

The award for most memorable performance among the hosts undoubtedly goes to Denny and Chance. The two kept the time between shows loose and fun with an

amazingly accurate rendition of "One Week." As they appeared from behind the curtain in appropriate alternative attire, the audience showed their approval through screams and whoops. After intermission, an old spiritual, "Great Gettin' Up Mornin'"

The harmony and musical more impressive. Rather than achievement in each number gets the acting award, Portis deserves fit, each musical number served a Was very impressive, but the and his efforts toward making the audithe 'evil' president's authority trip in cohesiveness of the show as a all the fame and fortune his manager whole was perhaps even more

showed the ensemble's versatility.

"The Price is Right," directed by Adam West, opened with a classic song and dance at an amateur night. Thanks to a talent show, the world discovered the musical talent of Bubba Price, played by Seth Portis. Throughout the rest of the show, Bubba was plagued by the two halves of his conscience, who fought for Bubba's will in "You've Got a Friend in Me." The good side of the conscience was played by Matt McInteer, dressed all in white, and the bad was played by Tara Burnette, who wore black and swished a feather boa throughout

The glittering sets in "The Price is Right" were the most memorable, from sparkling stars hanging from the rafters to a disco ball. The moral of this story was also the most clearly stated: don't give up what you believe in for money or fame or a girl dressed in leather pants. (At least I think that last bit was part of the moral.)

Matt McInteer gets the "My Most Favorite Actor" award for his role as the goody-two shoes conscience--after all, it's

not every day that you see the student body president screech and go running after Billy Graham. Although McInteer special recognition for his vocal stylings ence believe that Bubba Price deserves

Groups involved in "The Price is Right" were Delta Sigma, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Xi, Tau Phi, and friends.

After the three groups put on their shows, there was nothing left but anticipation of the awards--and the hosts and hostesses, of course. Sweet duets such as "The Gift," performed by Long and Denny, and "When You Believe" from the movie The Prince of Egypt, gave the audience plenty to enjoy while waiting for the winners to be announced.

For the final song, "Testify to Love," the entire group seemed to draw energy from one another as they sang more boldly and richly than ever. The final lines of the song were performed A Cappella, leaving the crowd inspired and smiling.

President Flatt was on stage to announce "Let's Make a Dill" as the winner. The evening closed with the entire auditorium singing "A Common Love."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay attention to National **Nutrition Month**

To the Editor:

March is National Nutrition Month. The theme of this year's National Nutrition Month is "Take a fresh look at Nutrition" which includes the five B's.

Be realistic. Make small changes over time in what you eat and in your level of activity.

Be adventurous. Try to expand your tastes to enjoy a variety of

Be flexible. Balance what you eat and your physical activities over several days. No need to worry about just one meal or one

Be sensible. Enjoy all foods, just don't over do it.

Be active. Change the "E" in exercise to enjoyment. Make a list of all the physical activities that you like to do, then include at least one into every day.

The world is full of confusing and often conflicting nutrition information. For accurate, scientifically based nutrition advice, ask a Registered Dietitian (RD) or turn to the American Dietetic Association located on the Internet at (www.eatright.org).

Tracy E. Scruggs-Noerper, R.D. **Member American Dietetic Association**

Women's studies article missed FHU dean

To the Editor:

A mistake was made in your data comparing Lipscomb to other

universities on their support of women's studies and female faculty members

Freed-Hardeman University was listed as having NO female deans. This information is incorrect. After talking to two '98 FHU graduates, they both said that FHU's Dean of Students is a Ms. White, a former Lipscomb faculty member. She has held her position at FHU for about 2 years.

I enjoyed the article and research, but I do feel this kind of mistake jeopardizes your views and should not have been made by any type of journalist.

Thank you for your time and keep up the good work.

Austin Bingman

Editor's Note:

The table that compared the number of female faculty members at different schools included data regarding the number of academic deans. While Ms. White has been at Freed-Hardeman University for two years, she has held the position of Dean of Students, which is not an academic position. The Babbler regrets any confusion caused by the wording of the article.

Concerns about the technology fee

To the Editor:

This semester has been by far the worst when it comes to computer availability.

Who is taking care of our ISS?

All I ever see them doing is drinking coffee and telling us the students that the system will be down again. Do they know what that means to us? Do they even have the slightest idea?

All of us have papers to write and projects to finish. The ISS people don't get into trouble when we don't turn in something on time. It is NOT that we all wait to the last minute, but that the stupid system is down on a regular basis. Actually it seems to be down more than up.

I don't live on campus and that makes things even worse. My time on-campus to do projects is limited. A lot of my personal business is done on the internet which never seems to work either. When it is working, it is slower then Christmas and crashes at any moment. I will not even begin to talk about the M: drive issue.

I am just fed up with what a poor quality ISS we are stuck with. And now they want to stick us with a "technology fee"?

For what? We have no working technology.

Joel Miller

Letters to the Editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address

Letters may be edited for length, grammar and clarity. The Babbler reserves the right to refuse any letter. Preference will be given to those of less than 250 words.

Special contributors to The Babbler will be used throughout the year. If you wish to write a special column, call 1829 and ask to speak with the editor.

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Ryan Davis

"I like having something to listen to and seeing the pledges dance."



Bryan Farmer

"I think is is a cool thing to have and I enjoy listening to Mesa's Sports Talk."



Paul Young

"It is fun to have here ... we just need to hear a little more Stevie Wonder."



Amy Boyle

"I love it! I just can't sit still."

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Coming Events

Dressing for Success a fashion show featuring college-to-career fashions will be presented March 11 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in Swang 108 and is being sponsored by Senior fashion merchandising majors and Alpha Kappa Psi.

The Artist Series will feature pianist William Black on March 11. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will be held in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

The Nashville Are a College Career Fair will be held on March 23. The career fair will be held at the I-24 Expo Center.

Room Reservations for next year are scheduled for March 29-April 2.

Rites of Spring is scheduled for Friday, April 2.

Preregistration will be held the week of April 5-8.

The "Tartan Day" on-campus festival is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6.

A Senior Cookout at Dr. and Mrs. Flatt's home is scheduled for April 8.

The Landiss Lecture Series will present Mark Jarman on April 8. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be held in Swang 108.

There will be an International Square Fair on-campus April 9. The fair will feature music and food and is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

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Women's Independent Championship Game

Chowthopedics 44 Ling's All-Stars 23

After upsetting the #2 ranked Lady Hoopsters to reach the finals, Ling's All-Stars were no match for Emily Lile and the Chowthopedics. Lile paced the Chowthopedics to their first championship with 24 points. Leslie Lewis tossed in nine points and Kelly Crafton added six for the champs. Hannah Jirak had 13 points and Stacey DeVries added 6 to pace the All-Stars. The Chowthopedics finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record while Ling's All-Stars finished with a 5-3 record.

Men's Independent Championship Game

The Team 61 Woolybacks 5

The Team erased a 17-point first half deficit to come back and win the Independent Championship. Without the services of "Young William" McCarley, who hit the winning shot to propel them to the championship game, The Team was led by Shawn Senters with 20 points. Mark "The PLayer" Robertson hit two clutch three pointers late in the game to give The Team a lead they would never relinquish. Hunter "Money" Johnston racked up a game high 25 points in a losing effort for the Woolybacks.



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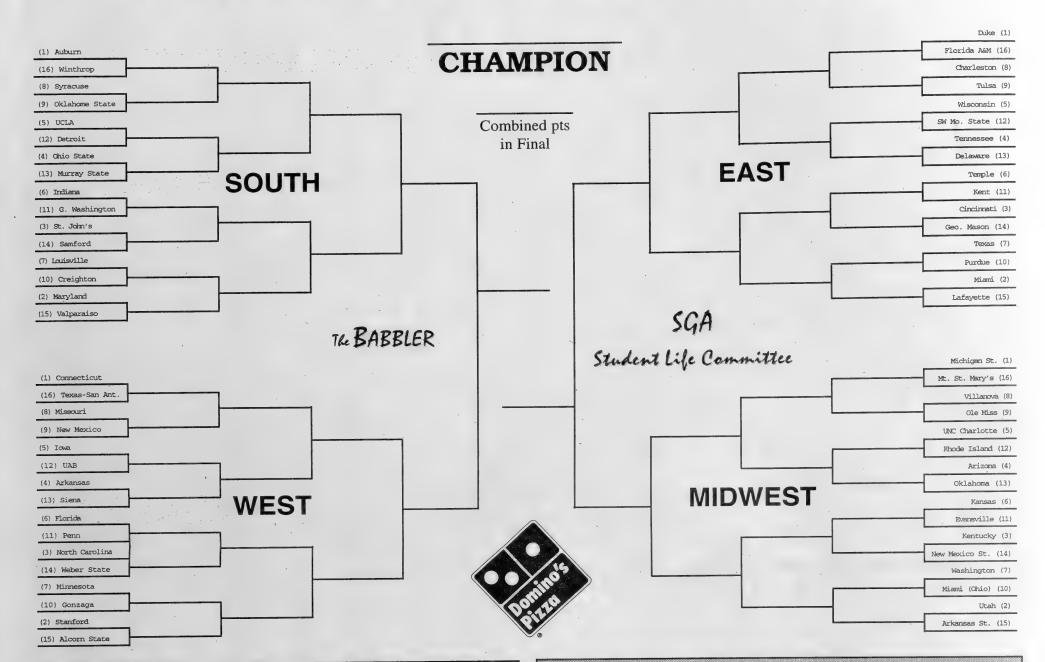
Overall Records

36-18 Steve Shirley -Kim Chaudoin 36-18 **Matt Hardin** 20-12 Krista Brantly 31-23 30-24 **Guest Guessers**

The last "I Beat The Babbler" winner was: Tim Lavender with an 7-3 record.

Overall student champion: Tim Lavender

March Madness Contest



The Rules

- All entries must be received by The Bubbler at either box 4126 or in room 10 Basement of Johnson by Thursday at 11 a.m No late entries will be accepted.
- Only one entry per contestant.
- The contest is open to the entire Lipscomb community. Cash prizes will be awarded to students only though. Every entry is entered into random drawing.
- 4. In case of a tie for any place after tie breaker, a coin toss will be conducted to determine winner.

Scoring

- Each of the 32 first round games will be worth one point. All second round games will be worth two points. Sweet Sixteen games are worth four points. Elite Eight games are worth eight points. The semi-finals are worth 16 points each. The championship game is worth 32 points.
- Scores will be determined by adding up the total points on each entry.

Prizes

1st place: \$75

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Cash Prizes sponsored by SGA

Ten entries will be randomly drawn and awarded a free large pizza from Domino's Pizza.

Madness grips the nation, fans go into frenzy

BY STEVE SHIRLEY COLUMNIST

It is March and the Madness has begun. In all, the month of March is out of control. So much basketball, so few opportunities to all the games.

So, since you won't be able to watch all the games, I am here to make my predictions on what will happen in all the relevant tournaments. Hang on tightly.

NIT--Who cares?

NCAA (women)--The Lady Vols will breeze through the East Region to the Final Four. The Lady Vols have beaten five of the other 15 teams in the East Region already this season.

- ♦ Georgia is my upset pick out of the Mideast Region. The Lady Bulldogs have the right mix of inside-outside play to go far in the tournament. Georgia will upset UConn in the regional final to reach the final four.
- ♦ I am going with the safe pick out of the Midwest Region. Purdue has the quality guards needed to make a run at the championship. The Lady Boilermakers should survive several tough matchups to reach the Final Four.
- ◆ The West Region is a toss up for me. La Tech has the history. But I am not sold on their mental toughness. I'm going with Colorado St. in the Final Four.

UT and Purdue will win their semifinal matchups to set up a rematch of the early

Commentary

season game. Purdue won that game with a tempo control style and on the strength of its guard play.

But the month is now March and no one is better at tournament time than Pat Summit. She will have the Lady Vols primed and ready.

Look for a close game for about the first thirty minutes. Purdue will hold the Lady Vols to a slow, methodical pace. But watch for one of Tennessee's patented spurts to blow the game open.

Chamique Holdsclaw will absolutely take control of the game when it is crunch time. She will finish her career with a triple double to give the Lady Vols an unprecedented fourth national title.

Kellie Jolly will once again prove why she is one of the most valuable point guards in the country as she provides the rock to the Meeks' hammers.

NCAA (men)—What is there to say other than Duke will win it all. Pencil in your bracket how ever you want. Just be sure to have Duke on the winner's line.

But for those of you who need to know what to expect leading up to the Final Four, here are my thoughts.

◆ The South Region shapes up as one of the most athletic and one of the most unpredictable.

Auburn earned the number one seed but none of the Tigers have any NCAA

experience. Maryland looked awesome at times during the season and just average at others. You could say the same for St. John's. Ohio State came on strong at the end of the season.

I have to go with the ACC team to advance to the Final Four. The conference as a whole is down, but Duke and Maryland represent the conference well.

Note to Krista: Indiana will not make it to Sweet Sixteen.

♦ The West Region is UConn's to own. The Huskies know they can beat Stanford and there really isn't anyone else in the region to challenge them.

The Minnesota-Gonzaga game is my upset special for this region. I predict this Big Ten team is one and done.

◆ The Midwest Region is tough! Michigan State didn't get any favors being put in this region. Dare I say yet another Big Ten team fails to make the Final Four?

Watch for the UK-Utah matchup in the region semi-finals. How do these guys keep getting stuck with each other? Utah will use superior inside-outside game to finally defeat the Cats in March.

Running off the emotional high, the Utes will then defeat an upstart Arizona team to advance to the Final Four.

◆ Picking the East Region is easy. Duke is going to breeze through to the Final Four. I don't even see the Blue Devils breaking a sweat in this region.

I look forward to a UT-Wisconsin

mathup in the second round. UT will enjoy their run to the Sweet Sixteen. But after Wisconsin comes Duke. Doh!!!

So the teams to watch in St. Petersburg are Duke, Utah, UConn and Maryland. Duke takes home the trophy and title as dominant team of the nineties.

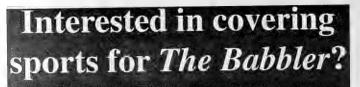
NAIA (men)—The Bisons are packing their bags for Tulsa. The team's ranking in the final poll assured them of an at-large bid. The Bisons will win their first round game. Bison fans can only hope that the team catches fire and upsets a few more teams. Otherwise, the Bisons may be heading home after the second round.

NAIA (women)—The Lady Bisons will enter the tournament with a good seed. The team will benefit from playing their first game on Wednesday and then taking Thursday off before a second round game on Friday.

If the Lady Bisons hold serious aspirations for the title, they will have to avoid falling behind early as so often has been their trademark this season. The team won't have enough energy to string together several dramatic comebacks. And it only makes sense that a team want to avoid falling behind good teams.

I think Lipscomb fans should go ahead and make plans to be at Oman Arena on March 22. The Lady Bisons will advance to the Final Four. After that, fans can only dream...

March Madness...oh the humanity.



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Lady Bisons ready for national tournament

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

The Lady Bisons know what it is going to take to advance to the championship game in the national tournament.

Anna Moss, said the team just has to put into practice everything they have learned this season.

"We have played some great teams this year," she said. "We just have to go to Jackson and use the lessons we learned from those games in order to play our best basketball."

Rachel Stark said that the team must avoid any type of slow starts during the tournament.

"We can't afford to fall behind some of the better teams in the tournament," she said. "When we do that, we hurt our chances of winning.

Heather Douglas said that, while the team plays well when it is behind, a goal for the national tournament is to jump ahead of teams early and to maintain the pressure.

"We seem to play well when we are behind," Douglas said. "It is like we play our best when our backs are against the wall. We just have to look at each game in the tournament as having our backs against the wall from the start.

In the tournament, if you lose, you go home. It doesn't get more pressure packed than that."

Lady Bison coach Frank Bennett said putting teams away early will be a key to the teams hopes for the title.

"Playing a possible five games in

seven days, we need to jump ahead early so we can get a good rotation of players," Bennett said. "Our players need to stay as fresh as possible."

By finishing the season so well, the Lady Bisons have likely accomplished a goal by gaining a Wednesday game. The team would then have Thursday off to rest before picking back up on Friday. Some teams will have to play games on three

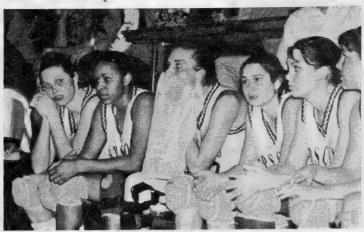


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teams hopes for The Lady Bisons saw their conference championship hopes be title.

dashed against Union. The team hopes to avoid any repeats of these feelings in the national tournament.

straight days to make the final four.

"Playing a game on Wednesday instead of Thursday is a huge advantage to a team," Bennett said. "I would just hope we would use that advantage to our benefit."

The tournament brackets will be released Thursday evening. All Bison and Lady Bison fans are invited to the Hall of Fame room in McQuiddy for a Pairings Party.

The Sports Column McQuiddy Madness

Cue the music.
Hit the lights.
Bring in Michael
Buffer.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the main event.
Let's get ready to rumble!"



Lipscomb needs to host its own version of a steel cage "Grudge Match."

In this corner, representing "the administration, the big money donors and the board of directors," you've got Jonathan

"A.D." Seamon and Steve "The Prez"

In this corner, needing no partner for the match, Don "No Respect" Meyer.

Now this scenario may be a bit overblown, but I get the feeling that this may be the best way to solve a little problem we have on campus.

After reading two recent stories in the local papers, I have determined that "what we have here is a failure to communicate." There is not enough communication going on between the athletic department, the administration and Meyer's office.

During the past two weeks, Meyer has gone on record with two different newspapers talking first about the possible jump by Lipscomb to the NCAA and then expressing his interest in the Vanderbilt men's basketball coaching job.

Reading between the lines in the stories, I get the impression that Meyer is not pleased about the whispered rumors that Steve Flatt is determined to take Lipscomb to the NCAA. Meyer has strong opinions about such a move and it looks like he may be upset that the folks making the decision aren't listening to his opinions. It looks like this whole affair is over a perceived lack of

I think Meyer deserves an explanation.

Here you have a coach that has poured out his blood, sweat and tears for this program. Meyer has been at Lipscomb about as long as anyone. He has run a quality program and has developed a reputation for solid student-athletes.

Meyer deserves to be heard on the topic of jumping to the NCAA. As a coach, and with the contacts he has, Meyer probably understands best what the move will mean to the athletic department.

If Flatt does indeed make up his mind to go to the NCAA, he needs sit down with Meyer (and all the other coaches for that matter) and lay all the cards out onto the table. Flatt should share what the plan is. Let's cut out the rumors, the secret whispers and the back-room maneuvering. Get it out into the open.

If the decision is made to go NCAA, Meyer needs to decide if he's on board with the move. The university will need the full support of its coaches to make a successful move. Meyer would also be well advised to watch what he says to the media who sometimes overblow a story.

Bisons prepare for championships

KRISTA BRANTLY
STAFF WRITER

The Bisons finished the regular season tied with Lyon for third place in the Tran-South Conference, 9-4 in conference play and 25-7 overall. Despite this accomplishment, however, end of the season held some heartache for the team and their fans.

The Bisons traveled to Arkansas to play Lyon and Williams Baptist on February 18th and 20th. They came home with a win and a loss, losing to Lyon 68-62 before smashing Williams Baptist 88-53.

Lyon was on top by nine points at the break, and the Bisons' 33% shooting was not enough to dig them out of the hole.

Bryan Farmer had a game-high 18 points on 6-of-14 three-point shooting. Allen Sharpe contributed 14 points and handed out six assists, and Adam Sonn added 13 points and seven rebounds.

The Bisons came back strong against Williams Baptist, out-rebounding the Eagles 60-27. Five Bisons scored in double figures, led by Sonn with 14 points and eight rebounds. Antrone Rogers added 12 points and Hermann Buchert, Clancy Hall and Chris Childress had 10 points each. Buchert pulled down nine boards and Hall grabbed eight.

The tide turned again on Wednesday, February 24th, when the Bisons hosted Union in the last game of the regular-season. Lipscomb fell to the rival Bulldogs 71-64.

The game marked the last in McQuiddy for seniors Bryan Farmer and Jammie Turner.

"It was kind of disappointing to lose my last game in McQuiddy," said Farmer,

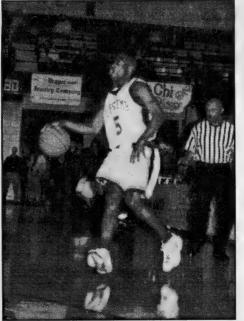


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Chris Childress looks for an opening to score.

who had nine points. "But Union is a good team and it was good that we showed we could play with one of the best teams in the nation."

The first half was close, with three ties and five lead changes, and the Bulldogs were up by eight at the pause. Lipscomb closed the gap to two but were unable to get over the hump.

Rogers' led the Bisons with a gamehigh 17 points. Kyle Stephens contributed 10, and Sonn had eight rebounds. Four Bulldogs were in double figures.

The loss was the Bisons' first in McQuiddy to a Ralph Turner-coached Union team. While disappointing, it was not without a silver lining.

"Union is a great basketball team," said head coach Don Meyer. "This was a game that proved we're a tournament caliber team. Our kids have to understand that it's not over and we have a lot of work to do."

Then on Tuesday, March 2, the Bisons traveled back to Lyon for the first round of the TranSouth tournament.

Going into the game, the Bisons were optimistic. However, the hope of receiving the automatic bid awarded to the conference champion vanished when Lipscomb fell to Lyon, 73-56.

The Bisons committed 19 turnovers and shot just 36% in the loss. Lyon made good 27 of 32 free throws (84%). Lipscomb shot just 14 free tosses and hit only 8 (57%)

Sharpe was the lone Bison in double figures with 19 points. Buchert added 9 points and 7 rebounds, and Farmer tallied 8 points.

Despite the detour, the road to the national championship is not closed. The Bisons have been assured an at-large bid due to several higher-ranked teams earning automatic bids. They do not plan to repeat the first round loss of the TranSouth Tournament.

"I think we've had good practices this week to get ready," said Clancy Hall. "We aren't going to be content just to be there. We are going with the intent to win a national championship."

Students are invited to the Pairings Party at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hall of Fame Room in McQuiddy to learn about the seedings, brackets, and game times for the men's and women's tournaments. The trip will mark the Bisons' 13th to the NAIA Tournament under Coach Don Meyer.

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1999 Rites of Spring a hit with students

WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

The Rites of Spring took over Bison Square with music, food, and fun last Friday.

The SGA sponsored event featured three inflatable toys: an obstacle course, a bucking bull and a bungee run.

'The mechanical bull was pretty fierce," said student Carson Whitehead.

The event also included the music of Hey Isn't That..., The Jessica Haslam Band, Mooneye and Cat, Cold Front, The Chuck Jones Aggregate, and Seven Mile Creek.

"It's a good way to spend a cold Friday afternoon," said Jessica

once again put on a pleasing show their performance at Rites of Spring. that included an on stage haircut and Jones declaration of love for the and the crowd," said Jones. Bison.



The Chuck Jones Aggregate Mooneye & Cat memmbers Patrick Rickelton, Patrick Steiner (center) and guest Julie Collins enjoy

The event was once again well

"It was fun and unpredictable for me recieved students who enjoyed the afternoon off from class.

"It's been great fun," said SGA Presi-

dent Matthew McInteer. "This is the best weather we've had in three years even if it is a little chilly."

Everybody's having lots of fun and I stayed on the bull for eight sec-

Not everyone shared McInteer's optimism about the weather.

"It's too cold, but a lot of fun," said Ted Nightengale.

- In the evening students were treated to the music of local band Flemmig and John. The performace Friday night was their second on Lipscomb's campus and as always they proved to be a favorite among students.

SGA senator, Pete Westerholm, who helped plan the event, may have summed up the mood best.

"It been a barrel of laughs, a load of fun," he said. "I just wish there would have been a little more sun."

International fair planned for campus

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will sponsor an International Square Fair on April 9 in Bison Square.

The fair will begin with a joint chapel and last until 6 p.m.

Students and faculty have organized the fair to offer a variety of activities to promote cultural awareness.

"I want this day to Sche APRIL 9, 1999 be a chance for international students to shine," said Rachel Mann, a student coordinator of the event. "We have students that offer such diversity and richness to our campus that deserve to scheduled for the side stage. be recognized."

The special outdoor chapel to kick-off the afternoon will feature scripture readings and songs in foreign languages.

After chapel students will have the opportunity to enjoy the events that will take place on the main stage, side stage and booths set up through Bison Square.

The main stage will feature a wide array of performances from dance to music and martial arts. Dancers specializing in Polynesian, Kurdish, Latin and Israeli forms will be perform.

Students will have several opportunities to hear music from other parts of the world. The music of Kyle Jones, an expert of percussion instruments from all

part of the main stage performances. Students will also be able to hear opera performances in French, INTERNATIONAL SQUARE FAIR Italian and German. African and Celtic

over the world, will also be

bands are also among the groups per-In addition to the main

stage there are several events

This area of the fair will include performances by the drama department, music department and a special session by the National Center for Community Justice.

'The whole day will be a celebration of cultures," said Lisa Partin, a student coordinator of the event. "We want students and members of the community to understand that through Jesus anything is possi-

The fair will also have booths representing over 20 countries. There will also be additional booths showcasing organizations with an international focus. The booths, which are being built by the facilities department, will be placed throughout Bison Square so students can stop by and find out more about a particular country.

The country booths at the fair will be a little different than the tables students are accustomed to seeing in the square during campus events. Each booth will be painted and decorated by the students organizing it so that the country of focus is highlighted in some way.

While the booths and various performances make up the largest portion of the fair, there will still be other activities for students to enjoy. Ethnic foods will be served throughout the day. The food will consist of a group of core items with additional foreign dishes served each hour. All of the food served during the day will be free to all who are attending the fair.

The outdoor portion of the fair is scheduled to end at 6:00 p.m. but there will also be a special activity that night. An international readers night sponsored by the humanities department will focus on

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Scivias will debut in April

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

Lipscomb students will have a new literary forum in a few weeks.

Scivias, a student literary journal, will hit the shelves the last week of school.

Chris Hughes, art director for the magazine, said it is intended to be an interdisciplinary publication.

"We hope to use this publication to cover several topics, specifically essays with an academic air," he said. "We will have poetry, short stories, fiction and academic essays all wrapped into one package. It will be on the format of an interdisciplinary literary journal with heavy emphasis on graphic design.

'This will not be like other campus publications," he said. "There is no campus news covered in it. It does not cover issues or controversies around the campus. It is solely focused on the academic atmosphere of the students."

While Hughes will focus on the design and layout of the magazine, Josh

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Your World at a Glance

International

The conflict in Kosovo continued this week when the United States and Germany rejected the Yugoslav proposal to stop the NATO bombings. Meanwhile countries all over the world pulled together to try and offer assistance to the refugees who have fled Kosovo since the airstrikes began last week.

National

GREEK • EGYPTIAN • HITTITE • NORSE • CELTIC

The computer virus "Melissa" created havoc on e-mail systems worldwide this week by sending the virus to other e-mail users and jamming the e-mail network. Officials are still investigating the possible origin of the virus.

The relatives of the three women who were murdered last month in Yosemite National Park gathered earlier this week to remember their loved ones. Investigators are still searching for the person who is responsible for the kidnapping and murder of the women.



Students take time to visit and enjoy the Rites of Spring festivities.

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Local

Country music legend George Jones is recuperating at home after a near fatal car accident. Jones drove his SUV off a bridge near his Franklin home, earlier this month and authorities later found an

opened bottle of vodka in the vehicle. A local judge announced on Tuesday that he will turn the Jones case over to a Grand Jury to see if any formal charges should be made.

Authorities believe they have found the remains of Diana Nix. The

remains were found near the home of the Austin Peay State University student who has been missing for three years.

Sports

The University of Connecticut Huskies returned home to a jubilant crowd Tuesday, after winning the NCAA National Championship title. The Huskies beat the toprated Duke Blue Devils for their first NCAA title.

The Baltimore Orioles became the fist United States baseball team to play in Cuba since 1959 when they played in Havana on Sunday night. The Orioles beat Cuba 3-2 in 11 innings. Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, was among those in attendance at the game.

Cal Ripken, Sr., who had worked for the Baltimore Orioles for 36 vears was laid to rest on Tuesday. Ripken died last week of lung cancer at the age of 63.

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Students spend break spreading gospel

Eight mission trips focus on U.S. and foreign locations

KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

During Spring Break this year, over 140 Lipscomb students participated in eight different mission trips to four foreign countries and four US locations. These missions were coordinated through the Bible Department and were designed to provide students with opportunities to

A group of 19 Lipscomb students met with a dentist and two nurses for a medical mission in Guatemala. The group centered its activity around Guatemala City and a village called Pacayalito, where they ran a clinic and encouraged the church. Each member of the team had been responsible for getting donations of medicine from pharmacies in the US, so they were able to hand out antibiotics and vitamins to the people. There was a slight hang up when they discovered that the dentist's bags had been lost, but that was no big deal because they found another guy in town who gave them some stuff. Only four students on the team worked with medicine, but the others built an adobe church building for the congregation. At night the group held a gospel meeting in Spanish, and there were four baptisms during the week.

The group helped treat around 400 dental and medical patients, laid 800 adobe blocks, and built 12 benches for the church building. However, according to Tom Giel, one of the two student coordinators for the team, numbers alone weren't what made the trip successful.

Giel said," We developed strong friendships in the team, prayers were

answered, our faith increased, and learned that] a hug is a hug answered, our faith was in any language.

group of 10 students who worked in Miami, Florida had a very

busy week. Jake Shoun, one of the student coordinators for the trip, had learned about the mission opportunities in Miami through the Madison church of Christ. Shoun and Zac Smith, his co-coordinator, set up contacts with two congregations in Miami: Homestead and Haileah, which is supported by the Madison congregation.

a hug is a hug in any language."

Tom Giel

After a long van ride to Florida, the group hit the ground running. Working first with the Homestead congregation, they taught Bible classes and knocked on doors Sunday, helped with church renovations Monday, and visited Homestead's Redland Christian Academy on Tuesday. Wednesday was for relaxing at the beach, but they were at the Haileah congregation in time for worship Wednesday night.

The group's main project at Haileah was a family rally, which they organized for Thursday and Friday night. The congregation has both a Spanish-speaking and an English-speaking membership, so the rally was bi-lingual. The theme for the family rally was "Carrying the Torch," and team members had prepared lessons for second graders through high school stu-

While at Haileah, the group also helped the congregation organize their relief efforts for the church in Honduras by boxing and sorting clothes and updating com-

The mission team to Wembley, England, led by Dr. Mark Black, worked with the congregation in the London suburb.

The team of 12 centered their efforts around distributing leaflets and inviting people to an evening meeting entitled 'Meeting Jesus." They also distributed free Bibles. At the meeting, Lipscomb students taught classes for the children, while Black taught adult classes.

Although the team passed out 15,000 or more leaflets, only 13 or 14 visitors came to the meeting. Callie Maxson describes the people they encountered as "unreceptive."

"Nashville is such a part of the Bible Belt, " Maxson said. "It's such a change to go somewhere where maybe one in a thousand people is interested [in the Bible]."

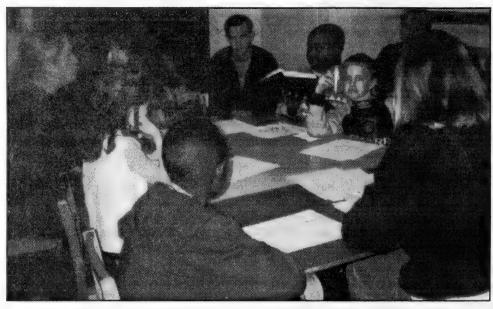
The trip was not wasted, however, because of the encouragement the students brought to the 90 person congregation. Made up of 15-17 nationalities, the congregation was brought together in their efforts to feed and shelter the team.

A group of 12 students led by Todd

Beard had a "We developed strong friend- similar mis-[we ships in the team, prayers were nearby area of Crawley, England.

increased, and [we learned that] Dr. and Lowrance and Dr. Paul Prill led à team of six Guatemala mission trip students to Robbins, TN

> to work with Habitat for Humanity. During the week, they worked on three houses at different locations. Their work included putting finishing touches on the houses. Their responsibilities included putting on vinyl siding, painting, putting up porch rails and pickets, installing ventilation pipe in the crawl space, nailing luon to the floor in preparation for linoleum, and being open to other tasks. The team completed the trip



Members on the London, England mission group share the gospel with children at the Wembly Church of Christ.

with a visit to a local bluegrass establishment Friday night and a hike in the Big South Fork recreation area on Sunday.

Chris Kirby said of his experience with Habitat, "this helped me to realize that you can minister doing anything." He also said that it was special to be part of building a house that a family will make into a home.

Heath Grisso had similar reflections. "When I think about Christ," he said, "I think of how he met needs...By serving [these people], I served the Lord.'

Cheryl Lindsay led a group of 28 on a medical mission to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Students alternated between serving as medical assistants and teaching Bible to local children.

Each team member was allowed two bags, so they put all their personal belongings in carry-ons and arrived in Honduras with 56 suitcases full of donated medical supplies. Some students served as assistants in the clinic, translating for doctors and nurses. Others who were not fluent in Spanish worked in the adjacent pharmacy filling prescriptions. In addition, teams of students went everyday into outlying villages to reach people who had been affected by Hurricane Mitch. By the end of the week, over 1500 patients had been treated.

In addition to medical concerns, the students were also responsible for teaching Bible to children and organizing a nightly youth revival. The theme for both lessons during the day and the rally at night was "Our God is an Awesome God." Teaching efforts manifested themselves in such puppet shows and VBS-style lessons as well as laughing and singing.

Kylie Beck, who was in Honduras for her second year, worked mostly with the children and was impressed with the church's involvement. "It's amazing to see the church members' involvement. The have troubles we don't have, yet they're ready to get involved."

Jason Aston was also impressed by the church in Honduras. "The people are so open and honest and bold about their faith," he said. "They don't have much, but

they have the greatest gift of all."

Another group of 12 LU students travelled to Atlanta, Georgia, to work with the Inner City program. The trip was coordinated through the Lakewood church of Christ in Atlanta, and focused mainly on the Hispanic community. Team members knocked doors and tutored students at the Boys Club. Perhaps the most unique aspect of their ministry was working with a homeless outreach called Cafe 458. Cafe 458 provides free, hot meals for the homeless, and five team members worked there each day.

Joe Carr, one of the team members, said "I saw God working in lots of ways that I hadn't seen before.

The trip to the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico, this year was the largest in the four years it has been going on. Jeff Fincher led a team of 51 students to the City of Children, located two hours south of San Diego. This orphanage houses more than 115 children who have been abandoned or neglected.

Group responsibilities for the week included manual labor such as chipping paint and finishing a parking lot. In the evenings, however, students taught VBS classes on the theme of love.

Mark Gent said that his experience with the City of Children taught him not to take things for granted. He said about the children, "they have so much more love to offer you than you could ever offer them. It's hard to leave."

Although his trip was not coordinated through the Bible department, Matt Holeman and five other students went to Boston, Massachusetts. The trip was with the young professionals class at Antioch church of Christ in Nashville, and the team worked with the Northshore congregation in Boston. They did a VBS with the theme "Jesus for Life," and two people were baptized during the week.

Call goes out for help on literary magazine

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Brewer will serve as editor over the literary portion of the publication.

Hughes explained that he and Brewer have had to scramble to get material together for the journal.

"This year, because we are pressed for time, the poetry, fictional short story portion of it will be taken directly from the bank of proposals from the Johnson Creative Writing contest" Hughes said. "We are having some teachers select some winners from that and some other entries. I can't promise that this is how we will do it in the future."

Hughes said he and Brewer asked several students to submit material for the publication as well.

"I have asked Chuck Jones to write an essay on communication juxtaposed with wrestling," Hughes joked. "The rest of the material may not necessarily be as punning as that, but it will be interdisciplinary."

Hughes explained that *Scivias* will incorporate several high quality graphic and design elements.

"We are shooting for around twenty pages of material," he said. "It will be fourcolor process for full color and magazine quality production. As a magazine format, it will be pretty cutting edge for this type of journa

"But we thought if we were going to do this, we wanted to do it right."

The SGA is paying for the production of the publication. Hughes said the magazine has been in the works for some time but that backing of the SGA is making the work a reality.

"We are extremely grateful for their help," Hughes said. "A literary journal has been a dream of some for several years. And because of the SGA, now that dream is almost a reality."

The title, *Scivias*, is short for Scito vias Domini in Latin, which translates to "know the ways of the Lord." Hughes said that while the title is religious in nature, the publication will not necessarily be.

The tentative distribution date is set for April 26, the Monday of the last week of classes.

"Scivias will be free to students," Hughes said. "We are working out distribution methods for students. We are trying to work out some method to get it to all interested students."

Hughes said that after the initial issue, the hope is that *Scivias* will be published each semester.

"Whenever it comes out, read it. If you don't understand what the writer is saying, just look at the pretty pictures."

Fair to promote cultural awareness on campus

FROM PAGE 1

literary works from around the world.

This portion of the day will be composed of the reading of foreign works of literature and original works by students.

In addition to all of the activities offered to students and members of the community there will also be events for younger children. Over 400 children are expected to attend the fair in a special program being designed just for school field trips.

This portion of the fair will be held on the playground being Elam Hall and will offer many opportunities for younger children to learn about the different cultures in their community.

University students in the education

department have been designing booths that will help educate the children about other areas of the world. The children who visit the fair will also be able to participate in games from around the world such as soccer to represent Brazil.

"I want the fair to be a fun way for children to learn about different cultures," said sophomore Stacey Guyse, who is working on the event.

The fair will incorporate the talents of many on campus. Students and faculty from several different departments have worked hard for several weeks to plan and organize the event which will be the first of its kind at Lipscomb.

You are invited to a special Easter morning sunrise service in Bison Square.

The service will begin at 5:45 a.m. and is being sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

The worship service will focus on the resurrection.





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International students add unique perspective on campus

Next Friday students and members of can learn many things from these stuthe community will have the opportunity to become more culturally aware.

Some of the least recognized students here at Lipscomb are the marvelous international students we are blessed

Too often we see these students as individuals who have come to our country to learn and ignore what we can learn

International students add the unique perspectives that balance our education and broaden our worldview. Whether it be sharing their language or culture, we

We at The Babbler encourage everyone to attend the International Square Fair on campus next Friday.

The best way to bridge the gap between American and international students is through education.

When we understand where ideas come from and the cultural context we are all raised in, we gain the foundation necessary to fully understand one anoth-

With this deeper understanding

comes a greater appreciation and respect for the beliefs of others.

As we all prepare to begin our careers in the 21st century, it is important to realize that our colleagues will be a culturally diverse group. A deeper level o f cultural awareness is a necessity, not only for our future careers but also in our daily lives as Christians.

Make an effort to attend the fair and meet students from around the world. You will be amazed at what a blessing the diversity they add to your life is.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

April 11-17 is National Library Week. The theme this year is an appropriate one -Read, Learn, Connect@the Library. It reminds us that contrary to rumors that books and and libraries are on their way to a timely death, these reports are greatly exaggerated. Indeed, libraries are more vital today than ever before.

Libraries are no longer just a traditional repository of the knowledge of civilizations, but today they serve as navigators on the superhighways of the technological age. While technology has dramatically impacted the way we access information, our profession has met that challenge by using the technology to provide better services for our users.

Libraries come in all shapes and sizes and varieties. The university library has a distinct mission as the gateway of the university to the knowledge of mankind. We are the heart of the academic community. It is necessary that we be able to provide access to this knowledge in the support of the curriculum and faculty, but it is hopeful that we may also provide a full spectrum of information and ideas that allow us to learn what we want, explore various points of view and make informed decisions. It is a sanctuary for truth seekers.

Libraries are a distinctly American value, born of the notion that free people should have free access to information. More than shelves of books or rows of computers, libraries are communities communities make up of books and people and ideas. You are an integral part of this community.

Read, Learn, Connect@the Library.

Carolyn Wilson **Acting Director Beaman Library**

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What improvements would you make with the new technology fee?



Jake Shoun

"I would change all the server names to wrestler's names like 'Goldberge' or 'Hogan'."



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Coming Events

Room Reservations for next year are scheduled for March 29-April 2.

There will be a Easter morning sunrise service in Bison Square. The service will begin at 5:45 a.m. and is being sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee. The worship service will focus on reflection on the resurrection.

Preregistration will be held the week of April 5-8.

The "Tartan Day" on-campus festival is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6.

A Senior Cookout at Dr. and Mrs. Flatt's home is scheduled for April 8.

The Landiss Lecture Series will present Mark Jarman on April 8. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be held in Swang 108.

There will be an International Square Fair on-campus April 9. The fair will feature music and food and is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

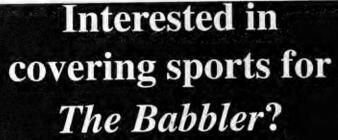
The University Singers will perform their spring concert April 20 Belmont Heights Baptist Church. The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Spring Drama Production is scheduled for April 22-25. The evening performances will held at 7:30 p.m. in Arena Theater. The Sunday matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

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Jeff Morris

John Healy

Justin Robertson

Randy Howell

Daniel Watson

Laura Johnson

Zack Zettergren

Bisons regret tournament loss, look forward to next year

KRISTA BRANTLY
STAFF WRITER

The Bisons' trip to the NAIA Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma was cut short by a disappointing first round loss to Biola University from California, 51-46.

Adam Sonn led the Bisons with a game-high 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting and grabbed a team-high 6 rebounds. The rest of the team struggled from the floor, combining to hit just 11 of 42 field goals (26%), including 3 of 20 three-point attempts (15%).

Other scorers were Antrone Rogers, 7; Clancy Hall, 6; Bryan Farmer and Allen Sharpe, 5 each; Jammie Turner, Kyle Stephens and Hermann Buchert, 2 each and Chris Childress, 1.

Biola was led by Jack Hartman with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Eagles' low score is proof that the Lipscomb showed up and played hard, but their shooting woes were too large to overcome.

"We just didn't shoot the ball well," said Farmer. "We played good defense, but we couldn't throw it in the ocean. [The loss] was disappointing, but I think the fact that we played hard made it a little easier. We know that we went out fighting and didn't just give up."

The Eagles out-rebounded the Bisons 36-32 and connected on 14 of 22 free throws (63%). Lipscomb had trouble from the charity stripe, hitting just 9 of 18

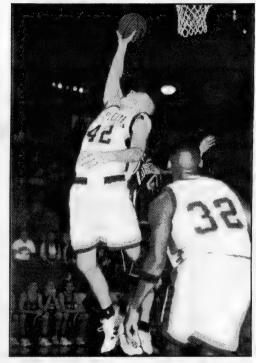


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY

Adam Sonn rebounds in a game earlier this

season. (50%).

Biola went on to upset Incarnate Word, the top-ranked team in the country, 57-55. They subsequently fell to the University of Mobile 71-59, who played Life College from Georgia in the championship game. Life overcame a 25-point deficit and hit a shot at the buzzer to capture the national title.

The Bisons posted an overall record of Tulsa will last a little longer.

25-9 and a conference record of 9-4 for the year. Head Coach Don Meyer finished his 24th season at Lipscomb with a career record of 702-220 (76.1%).

The team is now concentrating on getting ready for next season.

"We are working hard in the off season," said Rogers. "When we came back from the tournament, we got off the bus and started working out the next day. We want to stay dedicated and get further next year than we did this year."

The Bisons have a strong tradition on which to build. In Meyer's 24 seasons at Lipscomb, the Bisons have won a National Championship (in 1986) and captured 11 conference titles, as well as making 13 trips to the NAIA tournament. Next year's Bisons hope to increase those numbers.

"It's looking nice," said Rogers. "We have some nice recruits coming in. We just have to put the new pieces into the puzzle."

Those new pieces include Kyle Copeland, a 6'3" guard from Graves County High School in Kentucky and Brandon Daniel, a 6'6" forward from Hayden High School in Alabama, both of whom signed with Lipscomb in October.

"They are good players and nice people," said Greg Watson. "I think they will fit in well."

Hopefully next year the Bisons' trip to Tulsa will last a little longer. ■

The Sports Column

Final thoughts on the madness

How does your bracket look now?

I would have to dig in last week's trash to even find my bracket. I didn't even have to wait to the Final Four to know it wasn't going to win any prizes.



STEVE SHIRLEY
COLUMNIST

And thanks to Wally "World" Szczerbiak, Harold "The Show" Arceneaux, Ohio State, Gonzaga and all three other ten seeds, most of your brackets were out of the running for the money early as well.

None of you picked tiny Weber State to pull of the upset of the tournament when they beat the mighty Tarheels. But after watching "The Show," who wasn't cheering for a Cinderella matchup in the Sweet Sixteen?

Julie Vaughn was the only person to pick Gonzaga to make it out of the second round. (Julie picked the Bulldogs to make the Final Four.)

And how many of you picked Oklahoma to make its surprising run to the Sweet Sixteen? (Be honest. I still have your bracket.)

Did I predict UT to make the Sweet Sixteen? My bad. I must have confused Tennessee's talent with the determination that SW Missouri State showed. At least I'm not a Badger fan. 32 point? In a game?

And what about that "Duke Invitational" smack? Only two students picked UConn to be the ones cutting down the nights Monday night. Their names: Tony Drinkwine and Daniel Watson. The two now have a bit more spending money for their faith in the Huskies.

And what about those Huskies?

All the hype before the game was

Were the Blue Devils one of the best teams of all time? How did they compare to the great Duke teams of the early 90s? Was Coach K the best coach currently in the game? Was Quinn Snyder considering the Vandy job?

But the Huskies didn't read the hype and wrote their own storyline. In the words of Khalid El-Amin, "UConn shocked the world."

As we stand on the brink of April, it is easy to look back and see why March is the greatest month for the sports junkie.

Lady Bisons disappointed by first round loss

BY STEVE SHIRLEY STAFF WRITER

A cold shooting night cut short the Lady Bisons' trip to the national tournament in Jackson, Tenn.

The team lost their first round matchup against Southern California College 71-66.

In a game matching the sixth ranked scoring offense (Lipscomb) against the ninth ranked scoring defense (Southern California), something had to give. Unfortunately for Lady Bison fans, what gave out was the team's shooting.

The Lady Bisons hit only 20 of 62 from the field and were a frigid 6 of 27 from behind the arc.

Heather Douglas, playing in her last game for Lipscomb, suffered through a horrible shooting night going 0 for 13 from the floor and 0 for 8 from behind the three point line. Douglas, who had recorded double digits in six of her last seven games, finished the game with one point.

While the Lady Bisons controlled the boards, out rebounding Southern California 48-35 the team's poor shooting coupled with 17 turnovers prevented them from gaining any momentum.

"We played a tight and didn't execute as probably we wanted to. The half court zone Southern California utilized was unusual," Lady Bison coach Frank Bennett said. "And add to that probably our worst shooting night all year and you get an idea why we lost."

Rachel Stark led the Lady Bisons with 24 points. She also added six rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Anna Moss, also playing in her last game for Lipscomb, added 14 points and eight rebounds.

One of the bright spots for the Lady Bisons was the play of Shelley Sims. Sims recorded 10 points with seven assists and no turnovers in 34 minutes of play.

The game was especially difficult for the Lady Bisons because of the high expectations going into the tournament. Lipscomb held the fifth seed and was coming off 18 wins in their last 21 games. All three of those losses came against Union University.

"We had a good seed and knew we could play with anyone on any given night," Bennett said. "So it was disappointing to have it end there knowing we could play a lot better than that. If we had won that game who knows what could have happened."

But the Lady Bisons fell behind in the first half and went into the break down 39-30. The team was able to close to within four points but was unable to make up the

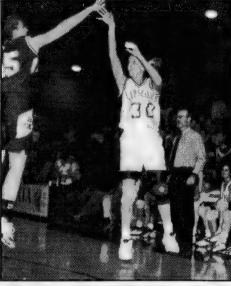


PHOTO BY STEVE SHIRLEY Heather Douglas shoots the ball.

difference in the second half.

The team must now turn its attention to next year. The team returns three starters and seven of its top nine players. Additionally, Amelia Stark is set to return to the team after sitting out this year due to health problems.

"We signed two post players and a couple of guards for next year," Bennett said.
"I look forward to some competition for those spots next year." ■

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International Square Fair



Students visit the India booth during the International Square Fair on Friday. The fair featured educational booths representing countries from all over the world.

Students to vote on honor code ammendments

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

The Honor Code Council met recently to find ways of being a more effective force on campus. The Council has come up with a list of amendments that the student body will vote on April 21, the same day SGA At-Large senators will be

According to David Koellein, council president, these amendments are designed to "take the loopholes out of the present system."

"The way it's designed now," Koellein said, "the system would probably fail."

The proposed amendments are printed in this issue.

Although the Honor Code and Honor Code Council are described in the Student Handbook, Koellein admits that few students are familiar with either.

"First we need to fix the procedure, then we can make people understand what [the honor code] is. An honor code lends credibility to an institution," Koellein said, because it proves that students can be trusted.

The purpose of the council in upcoming years will be to re-vamp the honor code and to bring it more into the mainstream of student thought.

Koellein said, "If a person cheats his way through college, his degree means nothing. A Christian environment is one in which we should trust each other and not cheat."

Aside from amendments to the honor code, the student body will also vote on new council members. Petitions are available in the Student Services office. There are three senior, two junior, and two sophomore positions for students with a 2.5 GPA who are not members of the SGA.

More on honor code anmendments

• Read the proposed ammendments to the univeristy's honor code on page 2.

SGA elections scheduled for Wednesday

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Wednesday elections will be held for next years SGA officers, senators, Miss Lipscomb and Bachelor of Ugli-

The ballot boxes will be set up in the main lobby of the Student Center and students will be able to vote throughout the day.

There are 37 students running for an SGA office and 11 students running for Miss Lipscomb and Bachelor of Ugli-

Candidates for office will be making speeches to students this week in chapels to state their individual plans and goals for the SGA.

In addition to their speeches each candidate for office was asked to fill out a questionnaire for The Babbler last week stating their opinion on some key

Sports

The questionnaire was sent out by email to all candidates including those who are running for Miss Lipscomb and Bachelor of Ugliness.

Those who are running for an SGA officer position were asked to answer general questions and four specific questions on issues that will face the student body next year.

Students running for SGA Senator, Miss Lipscomb and Bachelor of Ugliness were only asked to answer general information.

Each student was asked to keep their answers specific and no longer than 40

Students who responded to the questionnaire have their responses printed on pages 4 and 5. The names of students who are running for office but did not respond to the questionnaire are listed in the proper category.

Writer's Night premieres on Tuesday

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

Drew Talbert's second movie, Writer's Night, will premiere tonight (Tuesday) at 8:00 in Swang 108. It will be shown again at 11:00. Talbert's first film, Snap, Crackle, Pop, had a successful premiere last

Writer's Night tells the story of Porter, an average college student desperate for a creative outlet. The comedic plot follows Porter, played by Talbert himself, in his search for inspiration among other song writers and performers at the writer's night

It follows a mock-documentary format, with Porter interviewing songwriters and attempting to discover the secrets of their creativity. The real delight for the audience is that the musicians in the film are played by musicians on campus. Jessica Haslam, Jason Miller, Chuck Jones, Wes Driver, and DJ Potter are just a few of the campus class acts who appear as themselves.

Though there was a set script, Talbert, as producer, director, writer, and star, structured the film to be as spontaneous and natural as possible.

He learned a lot about ins and outs from working on Snap, Crackle, Pop and applied that knowledge to this new film. Talbert is proud of the finished product, but says that editing was the hardest part of the process.

Talbert said he "wrote, re-wrote, and re-wrote" the script before even starting

"I learned to ask hard questions about every little thing and what to leave out," he said. "I have a love/hate relationship [with my digital editing program]. It takes a lot of time, but it's really rewarding to see the ideas you had right there in front of you-it's almost addicting.'

Talbert may be glad that such creative endeavors are addicting, as he plans to pursue a career in filmmaking. He switched from Accounting to the "right brain environment" of an English major and will

More on Writers Hight

 Read about the movie soundtrack featuring Lipscomb students on page 3.

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Proposed Amendments to the Academic Honor Code

The following amendments to the academic honor code have been proposed by the 1998-1999 Honor Code Council in an effort to improve the fairness and effectiveness of the code:

Amendments to the opening paragraph in the handbook:

1. The statement regarding violations reported during the summer term shall be removed.

Amendments regarding Article III:

- 1. (To be added as a distinct section) In the event that there is a vacancy on the honor code council for any reason, the sitting members of the council shall nominate and eligible student to fill that vacancy. The nominee shall be subject to the approval of the SGA by two-thirds vote.
- 2. (To be added as a distinct section) Should an honor code violation be reported involving an incident that has occurred during the May or summer sessions or within six weeks before the final day of the spring semester, the provost will appoint an ad hoc committee of seven students including as many sitting members of the honor code council as is feasible to carry out the necessary honor code procedures.
- 3. (To be added as a distinct section) Should any member of the honor code council be placed on probation for any rea-

son, he/she must vacate his/her council

Amendments regarding Article VI:

- 1. (To replace section A) Within one week of the submission of the name of an alleged code violator, the honor code council president or his/her designee will personally notify the accused student of all allegations against him/her and give him/her a copy of the honor code.
- 2. (To replace section B) Within one week of being informed of the allegation, the accused student must select one student member of the honor code council to serve as a defense advisor who will be the accused student's advocate in all matters.
- 3. (To replace section c) Within two weeks of the accused student's choosing of a defense advisor, the president of the honor code council must choose an investigator from the remaining student members of the council to examine the facts of the case and to determine if a hearing is warranted, and the investigation must be completed.
- 4. (To be added as a distinct section) In the event that more than one student is accused of a violation with regard to a single incident and that that incident warrants a hearing, any number of students accused in that incident may elect to be investigated and tried together and must and must

announce its intention when they choose a defense advisor. The honor code council may also elect not to try separately cases in which more than one student is accused and may announce its intention not to do so at any tome prior to the beginning of a hearing. Should such a situation occur, the time constraints given to all honor code procedures will be honored as though only one student were involved. However, the honor code council reserves the right to hand down verdicts and, if necessary, recommend disciplinary action on an individual basis. Students may choose to appeal decisions on an individual basis even if convicted in a joint trial.

Amendments regarding Article VII:

- 1. (To be added as a distinct section)
 The entire hearing process and the delivery
 of a verdict must occur within two weeks
 of the completion of the investigation procedure.
- 2. (To be added to section H) Should the council be divided as to its verdict, the accused will be acquitted of all allegations.
- 3. (To be added as a distinct section) No student shall be tried twice for allegations regarding the same incident.
 - 4. Section L shall be removed.
- 5. (To be added as a distinct section) I f a case is interrupted during any phase of the honor code procedures by the ending of

the semester, the faculty advisor to the honor code council will decide a reasonable manner and time frame to complete the process when classes resume. All procedures must be completed within six weeks of the beginning of the new semester. The accused student will be assigned an incomplete grade for the course in which the alleged violation occurred until the case is resolved. If holidays during the semester force interruptions in the course of honor code procedures, the faculty advisor to the council will determine a reasonable time frame for the completion of the process.

Amendments regarding Article IX:

1. With regard to disciplinary action, "dean of students" shall be replaced with "provost."

Amendments regarding Article XI:

- 1. In the first paragraph, the section beginning with "During the first three years..." and ending with "...the procedure will change" shall be removed.
- 2. (To be added as a distinct paragraph) Should any unforeseen and problematic situation arise in the course of the honor code procedures to which no solution is outlined in the honor code, the provost shall have the authority to resolve the problem at his/her discretion.

1999 SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1, 1999 - Thursday, May 6, 1999

Exam Time	Sat., May 1	Mon., May 3	Tues., May 4	Wed., May 5	Thur., May 6
8:00-10:00	Freshman Comp	I @ 8:50	II @ 11:50	1@ 7:40	II @ 8:50
11:00- 1:00	I @ 2:10	II @ 7:40	I @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 11:50	l or II @ 3:20
2:00- 4:00	II @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 1:00	II @ 2:10	II @ 1:00	

Examinations for evening classes will be administered at the same time in the regular room at the first class meeting scheduled during exam week.

All other examinations will be administered according to the day/time matrix above with the following legend:

I = MWO, M, MW, MTWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Monday

II = TRE, T, R, TR, TWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Tuesday

Friday, April 30 Study Day

Saturday, May 8 Graduation

If you are scheduled to have 3 examinations in one day you MAY have the option to move the middle exam. The total number of semester hours of these three courses must equal nine or more. This would entitle you to take a make-up examafter the time of the regular examination. Please work out a mutually agreeable time for the make-up examination.

The student MUST take the initiative in such situations, and the professor impacted MUST be contacted by the student at least one week prior to the scheduled final exam time. Failure to properly contact the professor will forfeit that student's right to move his/her final exam.

Writer's Night soundtrack Student film showcases available at premiere

KATIE BOYER **FEATURES EDITOR**

More than fifteen Lipscomb and former Lipscomb students have collaborated to create a soundtrack to Drew Talbert's second film, Writer's Night. This student-

produced soundtrack is a perfect complement to the film, which is about tons to the movie." searching for creativity on a college cam-

Unlike the soundtrack for Talbert's first film, Snap, Crackle, Pop, the soundtrack to Writer's Night is not a random book," Haslam said. "Students can't take collection. Almost every artist on the CD is also a character in the movie. The soundtrack is a collection of the songs performed at the writer's night featured in

All work on the CD is original, and Talbert jokes about not having to worry with copyright laws.

"The soundtrack adds tons to the movie," he said. "It's incorporated really

The eleven track CD was engineered

by Nathan Whitehead, a former Lipscomb student, who is now director of his own Eggplant Studios. Whitehead also drew on his musical background to write and produce the score for the movie, which he performs on the soundtrack.

Jessica Haslam, whose song "Follow"

is featured in "The soundtrack adds both movie and soundtrack, said that this Drew Talbert project is a good opportunity for stu-

dents to share their ideas.

"The soundtrack is better than a yearthe movie with them, but they can take the soundtrack. It's something really good to remember."

Other artists on the soundtrack include Chuck Jones, Weatherspoon, The Edgewater Band, Jason Miller, Landon Stubblefield, and DJ Potter.

The movie will play Tuesday night at 8:00 and 11:00, and copies of the soundtrack will be available for \$5.00 a piece. The proceeds will be given to the SGA, which sponsored the project.

campus talent

From Page 1

graduate (walk) in May. In the future he hopes to make films using more quality equipment than his trusty camcorder, but states that he is "stuck in [film-making].

Funding for Writer's Night was provided by the SGA, and Talbert is very grateful for their support.

"SGA support for this has been very cool," he said. "Creative output on campus should be encouraged and encouraged. I hope other people will do what I've been

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SGA Officer Candidates

Question 1

What specifically would you do to increase communication between the SGA and students regarding the budget?

Ouestion 2

How do you think the SGA can make transitions, like the new class schedule and Bible/Chapel policy, easier for students?

Question 3

What do you think is the most important issue facing the student body right now and what would you do about it?

Question 4

What will you r specific goals be if you are elected to the SGA?

. Rachel Lavender

Class: Junior
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Brentwood
Office running for: President

Previous SGA experience: Freshman senator, Student Activity Committee Chair, SGA Treasurer, wrote new curfew proposal, wrote proposal to bring back men's soccer and add women's soccer, wrote proposal to raise student employees' wages to minimum wage, Rites of Spring 1998, Food Service Committee.

Campus activities: Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law Fraternity), Kappa Chi, Conversations Committee, intramurals, SGA Specifically, I would ensure SGA minutes would be posted in the student center and the dean's office after every meeting. Also, I would like to regularly brief students in chapel by proposing plans, explaining SGA's latest key expendi-

Although it may cause some initial discomfort, I think the new policy truly benefits students. I am excited that so much of the student body will be together during chapel and University Bible.

I would like to look at restructuring the SGA to create a more representative body. Presently, we are forming a committee of students to study the best way to represent the student body. If anyone is interested, contact the SGA.

My goals have and will continue to originate from the student body. I want the SGA to listen more and work harder for what students need. I would like to restructure the SGA to be more representative of campus life.

Chris Collinson

Class: Junior
Major: History
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Office running for: President

Previous SGA experience: Junior Senator Campus activities: Delta Tau, SGA

If elected President, one of my goals would be to establish a cash-back system for SGA fees. During the 1997-1998 school year, over \$15,000 of students' SGA fees went unused and, therefore, into the DLU general fund.

The SGA can be there to raise any student concerns about the transitions to the administration. Also, the SGA can work with the administration to ensure that transitions go as smoothly as possible.

Curfew is definitely a big issue with me. It is awful. Also, what difference does it make if your are a sophomore or a junior? Are you magically more mature? 1. Establish Martin Luther King Day as a school observed holiday. 2. Establish cash back system for unused SGA funds. 3. Increase the value of a Lipscomb degree. 4. Work with the administration to attract a more diverse student body.

Seth Portis

Class: Sophomore

Major: Business Administration Hometown: Memphis, TN Office running for: Vice President

Previous SGA experience: Freshman Senator, Sophomore

Senator

Campus activities: Quest Team, Downtown Missions, Student

Life Committee.

I would try to make a copy of the budget available for anyone curious about where our money is going. Perhaps a copy of the budget could be printed in *The Babbler*.

We need to listen to the students and see if the new system is better for us. If the students do not approve, then we will find a way to get a system that works the best for Lipscomb. Communication between everyone on Lipscomb's campus has to increase. We as the SGA need to listen more to the students' concerns about whatever issue is important to them because it is our job to represent every student.

I want the Spiritual side of Lipscomb to grow so much that no one will wonder if this really is a Christian campus. I would love to see more weekend activities that are school sponsored.

Curt Cathcart

Class: Junior

Double Major: 1) Bible 2) Communications

Hometown: McMinnville, TN Office running for: Treasurer

Campus activities: Sigma Pi Beta, Intramurals

I would make a copy of the budget readily available to anyone who desired one and try to put it in the Babbler every once in a while to let the students know where the money was going.

The SGA can keep the students informed about transitions by E-mails, chapel announcments, and other ways that communicate information to the entire student body. By keeping communication lines open for questions and suggestions, we can solve many problems.

I see communication as a major issue. Whether it be between the students and the administration or the student body and the SGA, there can be more done to make sure we all understand each other.

My goals would be to keep up with the budget and try to represent the student body in the SGA. The main thing I would want to be is a representative of the school who does his job well.

Laura Williams

Class: Junior

Major: Management Hometown: Franklin, TN

Office running for: SGA Secretary

Previous SGA experience: Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior

Senator

Campus activities: Phi Sigma social club, SGA, and

Singarama

I would encourage students with concerns to voice them to the SGA, specifically the Treasurer. I would also like to see the minutes of meetings, which include a budget report, posted so any student was able to see them.

I feel that the SGA creates an avenue for the students to be heard if they have concerns, and I would hope people would take advantage of what the SGA has to offer.

I think it is important for the administration and the SGA have better communication with the students.

My specific goals include better communication between the SGA and the students. Specifically, I would like to make sure a Campus Directory with correct information is available to the students at the beginning of the school year.

OtherCandidates for:

President Vice President Heather Alteri Treasurer

Amos Sharpe Sam Crutcher

Senior Senator

Christopher Hughes

Class: Junior

Major: Double major: Art and Bible

Hometown: Paducah, Ky

Office running for: Senior senator Previous SGA experience: I helped cofound a new student publication that will give students the opportunity to publish academic essays, poetry, fiction, and art work. This publication would not have been possible without the monetary support of the SGA.

Campus activities: Committee member of Conversations. Member of Alpha Psi Omega (National Drama Fraternity). Member of Alpha Rau Tau (Art). Art Director for student publication Scivias.

Mark Jent

Class: Senior

Major: Business Management / Market-

Hometown: Lewisburg, TN Office running for: Senior Senator Previous SGA experience: None

Campus activities: Sigma Iota Delta-President '98-99, '98 Quest Team, University Ambassadors '98-99, Blue Haggards Athletics '97-99, Mexico Mission Trip '97-99. Singarama '97-99McQuiddy Maniacs '97-99, Homecoming Escort '98

Daniel Watson

Class: Senior

Major: Finance/Economics Hometown: Shelbyville, TN Office running for: Senior Senator Previous SGA experience: none at Lip-

scomb

Campus activities: Sigma Iota Delta, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society in Busi-

ness Administration

David Lawrence

Class: Senior Major: Marketing Hometown: LaGrange, IL Office running for: Senior Senator Previous SGA experience: None Campus activities: Resident Assistant -Sewell Hall, Intramural Athletics.

Other Candidates for Senior Senator

Brooke Bailey April Shelton Sarah Miller Anna Rollings

Junior Senator

Josh Patrick

Class: Sophomore Major: Bible

Hometown: Meridianville, AL Office running for: Junior Senator Previous SGA experience: not one bit Campus activities: Sigma Iota Delta social club, acapella singers, previously on Honor Code Council, was seen on Politically Incorrect bashing liberals.

Rachel Dodd

Class: Junior Major: Social Work

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN Office running for: Junior Senator Previous SGA experience: none Campus activities: Alpha Kappa Psi, Pi Beta Sigma-Professional Social Work Organization, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Multi-cultural office liaison for the National Center for Community and

Other Candidates for Junior Senator

Ann Loraine Alexander Ginger Finney John Goldesich Holly Parrot Mandi Scurlock David Strunk Patrick Sullivan Ginny Thompson

Sophomore Senator

Katie Hartigan

Class: Sophomore

Major: Chemistry/Pre-Med Hometown: Princeton, KY

Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: High School Student Council and Participation in SGA

Campus activities: Univeristy Ambassadors, Intramurals, Med Club, American Chemical Society.

Adam Copeland

Class: Freshman Major: Undeclared Hometown: Florence, AL Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: None Campus activities: Inner City ministry, Intramurals (tres deliquentes), prayer

Rachel Gentry

Class: Freshman

Major: Elementary Education Hometown: Goodlettsville, TN Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: none Campus activities: AFC, volleyball

Lori Longhurst

Class: Freshman

Major: Elementary Edu. Hometown: Cookeville, TN

Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: Freshman

Campus activities: SGA, Pi Delta

Bethany McTee

Class: Freshman Major: Psychology Hometown: Dalton, GA

Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: None Campus activities: I am a member of Athletes for Christ, member of Pi Delta, feed the homeless with AFC on Wednesday nights, and I am a cheerleader for the Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams.

Pat Ford

Class: Sophomore

Major: Bible/Computer Science

Hometown: Athens, GA

Office running for: Sophomore Senator Previous SGA experience: Freshman

Campus activities: SGA, Fools for Christ (Homeless Ministry), Inner-City, Inner-City Mentorship Program.

> Other Candidates for Sophomore Senator

Will Logue Seth Moseley Elizabeth Moffat Steve Neil

Miss Lipscomb

Elizabeth A. Setty

Class: Junior

Major: Psychology - Pre-professional Hometown: New Albany, IN Campus activities: Sigma Pi Beta, Psi

Chi, Singarama.

Stacy Glenn

Class: Junior

Major: Elementary Education Hometown: Jonesboro, AR

Campus activities: Pi Delta, Student Ambassador Program, STEA,

Intramural sports.

Lori Phifer

Class: Senior

Major: Bible/Biology Hometown: Madison, TN

Campus activities: In His Name, Sigma Pi Beta, Zeta Nu, ICC, Singarama, Spring Break Missions, Friend on Campus

(Quest)

Andi Jenkins

Class: Junior

Major: Math Education Hometown: Acworth, Ga.

Campus activities: Cross Country; Phi Sigma social club; Singarama cast for "Present", "Adventure", and "Let's Make A Dill; Youth Hobby Shop; intramurals,

McQuiddy Maniac.

Laura Williams

Class: Junior Major: Management Hometown: Franklin, TN

Campus activities: Phi Sigma social

club, SGA, and Singarama

Other Candidates for Miss Lipsomb

Jennifer Mick Lisa Weems

Bachelor of Ugliness

Bart LeFan

Class: Senior

Major: Business Management/Vocal Per-

formance (double)

Hometown: Huntsville, AL

Campus activities: Sigma Iota Delta, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Alpha Chi, Alpha Psi Omega, Delta Mu Delta, Acappella Singers, Guys and Dolls, The Importance of Being Earnest, Man of La Mancha, Sin-

garama, Big Red Intramurals.

Other Candidates for **Bachelor of Ugliness**

Kevin Duncan Jacob Parker Justin Robertson

Editorial

Consider options before voting

again get its chance to elect SGA representatives.

The Babbler wants to take this opportunity to encourage you all to not only vote but also to inform yourself about who the students running are and where they think the school should be going.

The SGA elections should not be a popularity contest. Students should not be elected because their name is easily recognized or because they belong to the right group but instead because they have the students best interest at heart.

The past school year has brought to light many of the ways the SGA can impact our lives.

Whether it be working to revise the curfew policy, organizing a Habitat for Humanity service project, or coming under fire for budget expenditures, the

On Wednesday the student body will SGA does have a unique opportunity to make changes and improve our experiences as students at this university.

> In order for the SGA to serve the students of this university to the best of its ability it is imperative that we elect representatives that have clear and objective goals.

> Take the time to read pages 4 and 5 of this weeks Babbler.

> Find out what these students plan to do about the communication problem between the student body and the SGA.

> Discover how each candidate feels that your Student Activity Fee should be handled.

> Read about their goals for students and the university and see if they match

Consider the current demographics and make up of the SGA and ask your self if it matches the composition of the student body.

Make sure that the SGA is a group that represents every student on campus, not just a select few.

After answering these questions for yourself think things through and take the time to vote for the candidate who will represent you best in the SGA.

Resist the urge to vote for a student because you've heard their name around campus before. Vote for a student because they are objective, informed and represent your goals for the school.

It is our responsibility as students to question the SGA and let them know what type of representation we want.

Take time this week to consider all of your options and then vote for the candidate to best represent you.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

My older brother, Ed Sewell, edited The Babbler in 1939-40 and was elected Bachelor of Ugliness. I have often wondered what king of mind would settle on such a title as an honor, and was gratified to learn that it did not originate on the Lipscomb campus.

My suggestion is to even the playing field (so to speak) and rather than replace "Miss Lipscomb" with Spinster of Ugliness (my first thought), replace Bachelor of Ugliness with "Mr. Lipscomb."

I hope you will give this consideration as well as campus-wide discussion.

Yours truly, John Y. Sewell

Letters to the Editor

If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and

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What do you think about the new phone system?



Stephen Kerr

"I dislike the new phone system because I really like my answering machine and it is already paid for."



Nathan Holton

"They can now trace 911 calls directly to the extension.'



Rhoda Troyer

"I think it will be very beneficial once they get all of the bugs worked out."



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Coming Events

The University Singers will perform their spring concert April 20 Belmont Heights Baptist Church. The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The University Jazz Band will present it's spring concert on April 20 at 6 p.m. in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

The Spring Drama Production is scheduled for April 22-24. The performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Arena Theater.

The University Concert Band will present it's spring concert on April 26 at 7 p.m. in Collins Alumni Auditorium.

The A Cappella Singers will present their spring concert on April 27 at 8 p.m. in Wightman Chapel, Scarritt-Bennett Center, located at 1008 19th Avenue South.

The Early Music Consort will present it's spring concert, "The Age of Discovery" on April 29 at 8 p.m. in Ward Lecture Auditorium.

The Provost's Breakfast for graduating seniors will be held on May 8 at 8:30 a.m.

The formal dedication of the Michael Allen Bell Tower will be made on May 8 at 3 p.m.

Graduation is scheduled for May 8 at 4 p.m. U.S. Senator Bill Frist will give the graduation address.

To have your campus event or activity included in the **Coming Events** section, please send a description of the event to Box 4126 or call 1829. Please include a contact person and phone number.

Lipscomb student earns valuable job experience

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR IN CHIEF

A common sight at the corner of broadcasts these days are little score boxes — known as "The Bug" in industry lingo — to keep sports enthusiasts abreast of the current game situation.

One Lipscomb student is among those who has the task of keeping ESPN and ESPN2 viewers on top of football and basketball scores each season.

Cory Kelley, a senior from Washington Court House, Ohio, has worked as a freelance contractor for ESPN for four years. His main job — creating the graphics at the bottom of the television screen for college football and basketball games.

A marketing and management major, Kelley is one of 15 crew members in the production truck at venues covered by ESPN or ESPN2. The crew works together to produce an informative, user-friendly graphics presentation for the viewer.

"ESPN is always going to be the trendsetter in whatever they do. In this case, they have set the standard for screen graphics. Graphics done by other networks can interfere too much with the action of the game," said Kelley.

Kelley happened upon the ESPN gig by chance. He had played golf at a country club back in Ohio with one of ESPN's executive producers the summer before his freshman year at Lipscomb.

Once in Nashville, Kelley was called by his contact at ESPN to pull camera cords on the sideline of Vanderbilt

football games. He soon became a runner for the network for a few games. Then, his big break came in January 1996 when an ESPN operations crew took him along to the Peach Bowl to work the event.

"The guy who was supposed to do the computer graphics work got stuck in an airport. I was the only available person around, so I was thrown onto the computer," said Kelley.

Kelley said that was his first time to operate the computer. His crash course in television graphics paid off as he flawlessly worked the entire Peach Bowl.

After his stellar performance, Kelley was put in touch with ESPN headquarters and was contracted to work several games on ESPN2. That soon turned into a regular job.

In the four years that Kelley has worked for ESPN, he has travelled to sports venues across the country. This past football season, Kelley was part of the ESPN Thursday night and Saturday Prime Time crews, which produced college football games each week during the regular season. He has also worked a handful of major league baseball games and the 1998 Winter X Games.

Getting to see new places is one of the reasons Kelley said he enjoys his job.

"It's exciting to see a new place you've never been and knowing you're doing the biggest game of that week that week," said Kelley. "I like to go into the empty stadium and know that in a matter of a few hours, the place will be full of excitement."

Kelley said many of his friends and acquaintances believe he has a "dream job."

"You really have to be built of steel in the profession," he said. "You can break down under the pressure and stress of the game so easily. This year during basketball, I really felt the most comfortable about the way I do my job."

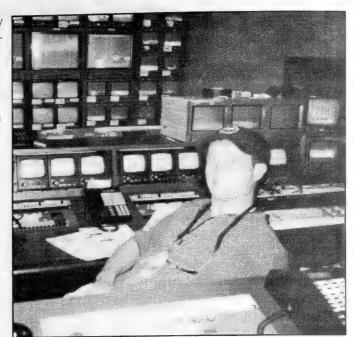
"I trade my social life for this job. I have a social life with people on the road and I try very hard to have a social life at school when I'm there. I just feel like I've missed out on college life a little."

Even so, Kelley has managed to get involved on campus. He is a three-year member of the Bison golf team and is a member of Sigma Chi Delta social club.

Kelley admits that it has been difficult at times to juggle going to class and travelling for ESPN. He said that while many of his professors have been very understanding, others have not.

This has been a learning experience for Kelley.

"I've learned a lot about people how to deal with different people and attitudes," he said. "I've also learned that this may not be a job I want to pursue long



FILE PHOTO

Cory Kelley at work where he creates graphics for ESPN.

term. The t.v. industry is no place to raise a family. It's all about what you're willing to trade."

The experiences at ESPN will help Kelley with the job hunt. At press time Kelley was negotiating a contract with CBS to work the Tennessee Titan home games. He will also work the Summer X Games in San Francisco this summer for ESPN.

Regardless of where his career leads him, Kelley said he wants to enjoy what he is doing.

"If you love what you're doing," he said, "you never work a day in your life."

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April 17 Trevecca

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April 13 Georgetown KY

April 15 at Cumberland TN

April 17 Union TN

Lady Bison Tennis:

April 13 Univ. of South

April 15 at Cumberland TN

Look to page 2 to read about Lipscomb's new study abroad program. Read pages 4-5 to see opinion s about Lipscomb's possible move to the NCAA.

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Lavender, Alteri elected to SGA for 1999-00

KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

The 1999-00 members of the Student Government Association were elected on April 14.

Rachel Lavender, a senior political science major, was elected president. Lavender served as SGA treasurer this year and worked on many of what she considers the year's most exciting pro-

Along with 1997-98 president Justin Scott, she sponsored and wrote the flexible curfew proposal that will go into effect next year for juniors and seniors. Lavender also worked with Matt McInteer, 1998-99 president, to develop the proposal to raise on-campus workers to minimum wage standards.

Lavender plans to continue her activity level next year, pushing for an "open door policy" in the SGA.

"The SGA is not a separate entity [from the rest of the campus]," she said. "Students should be able to let us know what they want. I would like to see activities be more reflective of what stu-

Another item on Lavender's agenda is

the restructuring of the SGA to better represent all areas of campus. The SGA is in the process of forming a committee to investigate ways of finding representatives from every aspect of campus life.

Heather Alteri, a senior mass communications major, was elected vicepresident. Alteri worked with the entertainment and student life during her two years as a senator. She and Lavender share similar goals.

"I want to make sure that communication lines are kept clear and open to all students," Alteri said. "It's our job to communicate."

Alteri's duties will include coordinating both activities on campus and committees within the SGA. Her plans include publishing the budget in SGA Today, the organization's newsletter, so that students will know "where their money is going." She is also excited about a proposal that will give all students 90, rather than 30, late minutes a

This proposal is still being considered by the administration, but Alteri is "proud [of the SGA] for at least getting it going."



PHOTO BY CHRISTY JUSTICE

Rachel Lavender (right) and Heather Alteri discuss plans for next year's SGA.

Both Lavender and Alteri are looking forward to working with the other officers and new senators.

Lavender said, "The most important thing about officers is that they're hard working--and these are hard-working. I'm looking forward to working with them."

Alteri is also involved in numerous other campus activities and said that SGA representatives can be "most effective by being involved. I feel like I can see the whole spectrum, so I know about the wants and desires of students. I'm very excited about representing [the stu-

Students and Faculty mourn loss of friend

WENDI BOOTH STAFF WRITER

This weekend Lipscomb students were saddened by the death of Jim

Craig died in a swimming accident last Friday at Foster Falls State Park, were he had gone camping with four friends. Funeral services were held Monday in Columbia, Tennessee.

Craig was a freshman from Tennessee, who had planned to participate in Lipscomb in Vienna this fall. He was a business management major and loved the outdoors. He was the only son of David and Yvonne Craig.

" He really just taught me to enjoy life, not fear death, and love God, " said Lisa Sloan, a friend who is a member of the LIV 1999 group.

Board to make NCAA decision Saturday

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The board of trustees will make a decision this Saturday regarding the possible move of Lipscomb to the NCAA.

President Flatt met with faculty on Wednesday to discuss the possible move and what it would mean for the university, athletically and financially.

"I think a move to the NCAA would increase the visibility of the university," said President Flatt. "I also think it would increase the interest among our

The board will have three basic options to consider when they make their decision on Saturday. The first two of the options are the direct yes or no responses. The third option the board will have is to vote in the favor of the move to NCAA, but not for next year.

If the board decides in favor of a move to the NCAA they will then have to decide what division within the con-

ference we should go to. Of the three unclear. divisions, Division I is most likely.

Division I of the NCAA is composed of 312 schools, of which 63 have a total enrollment under 3,500. The NCAA has also recently lowered the number of years that a team must be a member before playing post season games to four years. This is substantially less time that the eight year period that was in effect when Belmont moved to the NCAA three years ago.

"If we move to the NCAA we would play at a higher level of competition, but still a manageable level of competition," said Flatt.

One of the major factors board members will have to discuss on Saturday is the current status of the NAIA. Over the past 25 years the number of teams in Division I of the NAIA has decreased from around 600 members to only 110 today. Because of the decline in the number of teams participating in the NAIA the future of the organization is

Another area the board will have to evaluate when making their decision is the financial implications of moving to the NCAA. The revenues generated by Lipscomb's basketball program are down 75 percent in the 1990s. A move to the NCAA would more than likely increase these revenues.

The move to the NCAA would ,however, increase the amount spent on athletics by an estimated \$1 million. President Flatt believes that this amount could be made up by donations.

"I don't think there is a perfect answer to the NCAA question," said Flatt. "We have to see where we fit best now and where we will fit best 10 years

If the university decides to move to the NCAA for next fall, they must announce their decision by June 15.

Lipscomb launches new study abroad program

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR IN CHIEF

In May 2000 the university will expand its study abroad program to include a summer session in London.

Lipscomb in London will be an eight week program during May and June. Students participating in the program will have the opportunity to take classes and travel while living abroad. Tentatively group trips are planned to Dublin and Edinburgh.

While the exact structure of classes has not been finalized they will be similar to those classes offered in the Vienna program. However, students attending the London program will not be required to take a foreign language. Students attending Lipscomb-in-London will also have the possibility of internships in a variety of fields.

The new program is being set up in a

way that will allow students to have six or seven weeks of the summer left after the session is over. This additional time at the end of summer will allow students to take summer classes offered in the second session, work, or extend their stay abroad to travel in Europe.

Students interested in participating in the program next May should attend one of the informational meetings scheduled this week. The meetings will be held on April 29 at 6 p.m. and May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in Swang 102.

Interested students who are unable to attend either of these meetings should e-mail Dr. Kim Reed at Kimberly.Reed@lipscomb.edu or Dr. Wayne Garrett at Wayne.Garrett@lipscomb.edu. The e-mail should include your name, summer address and phone number so that you can be contacted over the summer break.

Currently the sign-up date for the program is scheduled for early fall. ■

"Conversations" program to promote integrity

KATIE BOYER FEATURES EDITOR

"Conversations" is an academic enrichment program planned for next year that will focus on the topic of integrity. The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for people to educate themselves outside the classroom. Playing off President Flatt's 'community' idea, Conversations will promote discussion between students and faculty and will "connect classroom learning with larger societal issues."

"We want to give students the chance to utilize every opportunity in the college experience, " said Shelly Mitchell, the student coordinator. "[A lot of programs] reach more of a marginal audience. We want everyone involved so we can cross campus lines."

Mitchell has been working with Steve Prewitt in the English department and the conversations counsel to plan events for next fall. The counsel is made of roughly 20 students who display what Mitchell calls a "passion for learning and education."

Working together, these passionate individuals have focused their attention on four main areas. Integrity in business,

medicine, media, and politics will be discussed through a variety of activities.

The Conversations program will host lectures, dorm chats, and conversational dinners formatted to provide students and faculty members alike with opportunities to share their ideas on integrity. The Conversations Counsel will also prepare packets of challenging questions designed to stimulate discussion in small groups.

There are plans to host plays, art shows, and films, all centered around the idea of integrity. Program coordinators will create small discussion groups at most of the events.

"The goal is to get people thinking outside their construct," Mitchell said. "We want to provide a forum for exchange so people can walk away and grow."

Integrity will also be incorporated into many freshman English classes next fall, as teachers use Integrity by Stephen L. Carter in their courses.

Mitchell is optimistic about the success of the Conversations program and hopes to incorporate other interested students as the program grows.

She said, "[This program] must be driven by a passion for learning and teaching. We hope people will come to us."

Lipscomb in London Informational Meetings:

April 29 at 6 p.m. May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Both meetings will take place in SW102.

1999 SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1, 1999 - Thursday, May 6, 1999

Exam Time	Sat., May 1	Mon., May 3	Tues., May 4	Wed., May 5	Thur., May 6
8:00-10:00	Freshman Comp	1 @ 8:50	II @ 11:50	1@ 7:40	II @ 8:50
11:00- 1:00	I @ 2:10	II @ 7:40	I @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 11:50	l or II @ 3:20
2:00- 4:00	II @ 10:00 or @ 10:40	I @ 1:00	II @ 2:10	II @ 1:00	

Examinations for evening classes will be administered at the same time in the regular room at the first class meeting scheduled during exam week.

All other examinations will be administered according to the day/time matrix above with the following legend:

I = MWO, M, MW, MTWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Monday

II = TRE, T, R, TR, TWRFF, and 3 or 4 day-a-week classes beginning on Tuesday

Friday, April 30 Study Day

Saturday, May 8 Graduation

If you are scheduled to have 3 examinations in one day you MAY have the option to move the middle exam. The total number of semester hours of these three courses must equal nine or more. This would entitle you to take a make-up examafter the time of the regular examination. Please work out a mutually agreeable time for the make-up examination.

The student MUST take the initiative in such situations, and the professor impacted MUST be contacted by the student at least one week prior to the scheduled final exam time. Failure to properly contact the professor will forfeit that student's right to move his/her final exam.

Kelley, Choate and Sutherland take top honors in Johnson Creative Writing Contest

LYDIA CUTHRELL STAFF WRITER

The panel of judges had their hands full for this year's poetry and short fiction contest, with 50 different poetry entries and 20 short fiction entries. Pleasantly surprised by the wide turnout, they began to plow through the pile, looking for one winner in each category.

The unanimous decision of the judges, who will remain anonymous, was posted the weak after spring break. Andy Kelley took the prize for short fiction, Emily Choate for poetry, and Zach Sutherland was given honorable mention for poetry.

Kelley, a English major, enjoys reading and explores Camus, Kaffka, Tolstoy, and many others in his free time. It is the outside reading that has really shaped his thinking as well as his writing.

"The stuff you read in class usually points to the really good stuff," says Kelley, "and that just opens up a whole new world or literature."

But it isn't just the reading and a bit of talent that makes for an effective writer. Kelley believes that to write well (though he does not claim to do so himself), one must be very observant. The ability to notice the details of an experience, as well as realizing the mood and recording the images, separates Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" from Monica Lewinsky's recent "romance novel".

Kelley wrote his winning entry, "Pool Life" in two days a couple of summers ago. grotesque. Andy Kelley ardently believes that "Pool Life" could stand to see the red pen of revision, but if every writer had style like his, we would all be reading instead of watching WWF wrestling.

Emily Choate is a sophomore English major and future professor who was born with a pen in her hand. Choate wrote her three contest entries within the last year, and according to her, it might as well have taken all year.

"I do a lot of revisions, so I am really slow," says Choate.

Choate contributes her success to all of the works she has read in the past, which she says inevitably color her writing, and to her relentless desire to write as often as she can. Choate says that her consistent journal writing has helped to inspire much of her poetry.

It is not entirely clear which poem earned Emily Choate her victory in the contest, but it is "An Elixir of Birth" that holds special meaning for her. The poem was an attempt to somehow capture an active dream life as well as much anxiety that Choate was facing earlier within the year.

Zach Sutherland, a freshman at Lipscomb, deserves, perhaps, a bit more than to be mentioned honorably. His five entries of poetry, "Constellation Gabrielle," "A Love Letter," "Pour Vous Mon Sourire," "Untitled," and "Sisters' Beach" are each examples of true emotion captured and wrapped. Although it is difficult to spot Sutherland's weaknesses, he feels that more structure in his writing would add an aspect of strength to his work. Unlike other amateur poets, Sutherland does not flinch at the swing of a critic, but invites comments, for better or for worse. This aspect of his character has surely given him an advantage over other aspiring writers, and has resulted in his improvement over the years.

The Johnson Creative Writing Contest has served, for several years, as a successful outlet for Lipscomb's most creative side. It has become clear that this campus is simply exploding with talent not only in literature, but in the entire area of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Editors for 1999-00 Babbler and BACKLOG announced

CHRISTY JUSTICE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Katie Boyer, a junior from Guntersville, Ala., has been named as editor in chief of *The Babbler* for the 1999-00 school year.

Boyer, a Mass Communications major with a double minor in English and German, has served as a member of *The Babbler* staff for the past two years. She has served as a staff writer, Vienna correspondent and most recently as features editor.

"I feel like a student newspaper should be a communication tool that, as fairly as possible, covers all areas of the campus," said Boyer.

I'm really looking forward to working with *The Babbler* and to trying some different things to see what works best."

Danielle Thompson has been named the 1999-00 editor in chief of the BACK-LOG. Thompson, a sophomore from Avon, Conn., is majoring in English.

"My goal for next year's BACKLOG is to produce a creative yearbook with a fun staff," said Thompson.

Leisha Dowers has been named associate editor of the BACKLOG for next year. Dowers, a freshman from Edmond, Okla., is majoring in English.

Tennessee Outreach Day moves to Lipscomb

KATIE BOYER
FEATURES EDITOR

Tennessee Outreach Day is a project that coordinates groups of volunteers. A service opportunity designed for college students, Tennessee Outreach Day has a new home at Lipscomb.

The project, which was established at Vanderbilt in 1997, incorporates students from schools across Tennessee. One student from each school represented sits on the board, which is made entirely of students, with one faculty sponsor.

On Outreach Day, volunteers meet at the host university and divide into teams. The teams go into the community to work with different groups, such as Our Kids or the Red Cross. Last year Outreach Day was the Saturday after the tornadoes in Nashville, and volunteers were available to help in the recovery efforts.

After the initial work, volunteers reconvene for lunch and a lecture.

Amanda Pyron, who has worked with the project for two years, said, "It's a great way to add fun to volunteering. It's also a chance to meet new people."

Pyron,a social work and political science double major, was instrumental in bringing Tennessee Outreach Day to Lipscomb.

She first became acquainted with the project last year, when she served as vice-president of the SGA.

"They [the organizers at Vanderbilt] called the SGA and asked for a representative from Lipscomb. I ended up being the vice-chair of the committee," she said.

This year there was no committee chair person at Vanderbilt, so the project had to be moved to another school. Pyron took her chance, working with the administrations of both Vanderbilt and Lipscomb to transfer the responsibility to Lipscomb.

"It's just a great project to have at Lipscomb because of the community service aspect," Pyron said. "It wasn't a battle at all [to transfer the project]. The folks at Vanderbilt and Lipscomb were wonderful--they wanted Tennessee Outreach Day to go on."

Lipscomb's responsibilities as host school will include providing a chairperson for the board and coordinating financial matters.

Although it did not come together this year, Tennessee Outreach Day is held yearly in April. ■



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PERSPECTIVES ON NCAA

"I think it's really exciting to move up. Maybe we can rekindle the rivalry between Belmont and us."

Christy Puettman, Knoxville, TN., Marketing Management

"I know that NCAA will make Lipscomb more well known, however, I don't know how they will compare with other NCAA teams."

Karyn Thompson, LU Class of 1994

"I don't think we should go anytime soon. We've got a lot of changes with the new gym and everything. I do think if we go it will be good in the long run."

Anna Moss, Nashville, TN, Dietetics/Exercise Science

"I don't think the quality of our athletes is competitive with that of NCAA schools. It would be a major setback for the athletic program."

Kristy Riggs, Memphis, TN, Education

"There is no doubt in my mind that a division 1 team at Lipscomb would keep the stands packed with various fans supporting the other teams, however, the loss of Don Meyer due to the upgrade would have the Bisons on the ropes for years to come."

Chris Finley, LU Class of 1993

"I hope we are not taking excessive risks. Since, we have a successful sports program now that meets the need of a Christian Liberal Arts university. But, perhaps, non-scholarship level of NCAA would meet our needs.

Dr. Paul Prill, Professor, Department of Communication

"It is better to struggle in the big-time than be mediocre with the small guys."

Dave Parker, Gadsden, AL, Oral Communication

"In the long run it might be food because it would help recruit athletes, but it would be hard on the players already here because we would have to step up to a different level of play. It would probably be no different academically."

Matt Pardue, Mt. Juliet, TN, member of Bison Baseball team

"I have real mixed emotions on the subject. Before I made a decision I would need to see the results of an extensive feasibility study."

Dr. Paul Turner, Professor, Department of Psychology

"It's a big step to take for a school well established in the NAIA. You go from top to underdog pretty fast."

Ashley Wilson, Brentwood, TN, member of Softball team

"That's where Lipscomb needs to be." "I'd like to see them so well at that level."

Gary Blume, LU Class of 1962

"It's a great idea. It brings the university into the national arena and hopefully will draw greater crowds."

Paula Frisby, Adjunct Professor, Department of Art

"There is no way we can compete at the NCAA level because trying to get recruits to come to LIpscomb instead of other NCAA schools in this area would be difficult."

Chris Petrakis, Gulf Breeze, FL, member of Tennis team

"I think it's a good idea because we can be more competitive. The teams in NAIA division have trouble finding teams to play that are nearby and they have to travel really far. I think it's a good idea to move to the NCAA."

Roy Hamley, Professor, Department of Psychology

"It just doesn't seem like our student body is that interested in sports. The change may affect the athletes, but not the entire student body."

John Crawford, Instructor, College of Business

"I think it would be great. It would bring a lot of different people onto the Lipscomb campus--students and athletes."

Jill Mahaffey, Organizational Communication, Murfreesboro, TN

PERSPECTIVES ON NCAA

"Don't do it. The move to NCAA is tough on athletes and schools our size and with our resources are unable to compete on the same level as larger schools."

Alison Groves, Nashville, TN, member of Belmont University Softball team

"It could be a great move for the school, but if they go NCAA Meyer is gone."

Phillip Denny, Psychology, Mitchell, IN

"Switching to the NCAA would be emblematic of the current trend towards secularization."

Rob Higginbotham, LU Class of 1997

"Its a good idea. I think it would do a lot for Lipscomb. I'd go to more games, and I bet more other people would too."

Jamie Gleaves, member of Softball team

"I don't really like the idea of us going to the NCAA because I don't think we're big enough. It will be hard to compete because the schools are better. They offer more scholarships to recruit players. When you move from the NAIA to the NCAA, there is a waiting period. You've worked just as hard during the season and you can't go to any tournaments in your division."

Tamara Thomas, Moulton, AL, member of Lady Bisons Basketball team

"I need to know what commitment Lipscomb is willing to make to fund this change. What is our philosophy about collegiate sports. I'm not sure if the NCAA or the NAIA is where we need to be right now due to the commitment needed to fund this program."

Jim Thomas, Dean of College of Education and Professional Studies

"It would be good for the Lipscomb because it would give the school a more recognition and a larger audience of possible attendees. Being ranked in the NCAA would possibly give our athletic program a chance to grow because they would experience a greater level of competition. We might even get a football team."

David Hudson, Political Science, Hendersonville, TN

"I do not know that much about the possible change, though I would like to be further informed. One aspect that would benefit Lipscomb from the change would mean more money for our university, so I think it might be okay."

Brooke Newby, Public Relations, Nashville, TN

"It really seems like a decision based on one sport. The quality of athletes would eventually be greater, but that is a huge transition."

Will Daly, Athens, Al, member of Cross Country team

"I love the idea of playing in the 'big leagues,' but I 'm not sure Lipscomb fans and players are ready to play the role of David again."

John Lee, Admissions Counselor

"If I 'm not mistaken, Lipscomb athletics have been down for the past several years. I'd love to see how Meyer would fair in Division One, but the timing seems strange."

Kevin Kilpatrick, LU Class of 1984

"I don't think we should go NCAA. I think a school our size would have trouble competing in the NCAA, we would be a small fish in a large pond."

Krista Brantly, Psychology and German, Indianapolis, IN

"I don't follow sports that much, even here at Lipscomb. If it is better for the school, then I'm for it. I want to know how it will effect the arts/humanities department? Will it increase enrollment? If it cost us, I don't see a need for it. If it benefits the school, that's good."

Margie Roeder, LU Class of 1996

The Babbler in cooperation with the Journalism II class collected quotes from students, faculty, alumni and student athletes regarding the universities possible move from the NAIA to the NCAA.

Each person was asked if they would support a Lipscomb move to the NCAA and then explain why or why not.

The quotes on these two pages show the variety of responses we received from people connected with Lipscomb.

Editorial

Is Lipscomb really ready to go NCAA?

Inquiring minds all over campus will finally know the answer to the NCAA question when the Board of Directors makes its decision on Saturday.

After all of the speculation and countless rumors we will no longer have to analyze the "will we or won't we" question that has dominated conversations on campus recently.

While there are students who could care less about athletics on this campus and don't really understand the whole NCAA decision making process, most of us realize what a weighty and important step this is for the university.

Making the move to NCAA represents many things to a variety of people. With

the move we would gain some publicity and no longer have to worry about the future of the NAIA. However, being in the NCAA means we have to spend more money on athletics and get used to being the little guy.

Students and faculty have weighed the pros and cons of a move to the NCAA for some time now, however, questions still linger.

"If we turn McQuiddy into a huge arena, what happens to Yearwood?"

"Are we concentrating too much on athletics?"

And then question that has plagued Lipscomb for years - "When are we going

to get a fine arts building?"

With all of the unanswered questions have come complaints of a lack of communication between the students and administration. These questions have also brought forth many rumors, as mentioned earlier.

The decision the board makes on Saturday is one that will effect everyone connected with Lipscomb. No matter what the final decision is, it will reveal a lot about the path the university hopes to travel in years to come and where we may or may not place our focus.

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Visit to hospital reminds students to thank Jesus

BRITTAINY BURTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

The note merely said, "Thanks Jesus!" We stood in the small chapel reading an intimate prayer journal, which lay on the altar. We looked at each other in amazement. How could a cancer patient have the strength to write such a prayer of gratitude to the Lord?

This represented only a few drops of the rich fountain of blessings that would spring in our hearts that day. It was Saturday, April 17 and Sean G. Boynes had asked me to accompany him on his visit to St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. I don't think either of us could fathom what fate had in store for us. It was truly convicting and life changing.

"I have been involved with St. Jude in the past," said Boynes. "This gave me an opportunity to get up close and personal to what the hospital is all about."

As so we spent the Saturday observing

the miracles at St. Jude's.

It all began with a dream and a vision. The founder of the hospital, Danny Thomas, believed that "no child should die in the dawn of life." As a result he founded St. Jude's, where the child's whole being is treated - his body, heart, mind and soul. In this process, St. Jude's involves the family as an integral part in the child's quest to heal

The cheerful facility hardly resembles society's perception of a hospital. Ordinary hospital rooms, usually stark, were graced with color. Carts full with creative arts and crafts, finger-paints and other learning techniques lined the hopeful hallways. The hospital is a tremendous blessing for children in every season of life from all around the world. The amount of people they can help is phenomenal.

We went in and out of the hospital rooms, and each time, we left with a renewed image of strength and radiant with hope. The photographs of these precious children will be carried in our hearts eternally and we will draw them out many times when we need a picture of strength or patience.

We will remember Amy's beautiful smile as she sat obediently for hours receiving her chemotherapy. We when need to remember love, we can think of Caleb's sweet spirit as he lay in his hospital bed and shared his toy boat with us. When we feel like we have struggles we will remember Sarah. She was told last week that she had a virus, and this week she is trying to desperately battle cancer.

Anyone can help this cause by giving blood platelets, which is just like giving \$700 to the hospital. You can also become involved in this cause by visiting their web site at www.stjude.org.

Indeed, it has changed us. When we complain at the curves life throws us, we will remember these children - the day that changed us - and the simple prayer, "thanks Jesus..."

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

On behalf of the Lipscomb University Softball Team I would like to say a special thank you to the SGA and especially to Michael Thomas for the Softball Day in the Park this past Sunday.

The players, parents and fans appreciated greatly the hamburgers and the atmosphere that was created.

Our team would like to thank all of our students who have attended our games this spring.

Best wishes to all our students as they prepare for their exams and graduation.

Sincerely, Andy Lane Head Softball Coach If you wish to submit a letter, please send it to Box 4126 or e-mail it to BABBLER. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address.

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Interested in becoming a member of the 1999-00 Babbler staff?

Contact Katie at ext. 6602 for more information on how you can be a part of *The Babbler*.

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Coming Events

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The Provost's Breakfast for graduating seniors will be held on May 8 at 8:30 a.m.

The formal dedication of the Michael-Allen Bell Tower will be made on May 8 at 3 p.m.

Graduation is scheduled for May 8 at 4 p.m. U.S. Senator Bill Frist will give the graduation address.

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"Fresno"

Greg "I can't tell" G-Wat Watson Adam "Pierce Jr." Sonn Al "Cappone" Sharpe Bryan "Hossey" Farmer

Ducks

John "Stewart" Warren Brian "K.D." Butler

Co-MVP

Mark Cabaniss Chad High

The open league tournament has a best two games our or three series between the Untouchables and "Fresno." The first game lived up to its billing as the top two teams fought it out to the very end. "Fresno" was led by Al Sharpe, Greg Watson, Bryan Farmer and Adam Sonn. The Untouchables were led in game one by J.J. Dillingham, Denver Confer, Chad High and Mark Cabaniss. The first game cane down to a bottom of the seventh home run by Mark Cabaniss to end the game. Game one would set the stage for a great series.

Game two was won by "Fresno" 19-14. "Fresno" bounced back from the game one loss and showed some fire power from Bryan Farmer (two HR's) and Adam Sonn (one HR). The Untouchables has a little of their own from Chad High, Brian Gentry, C. W. McGee and David Karkaw who each hit one in game two.

Game three, the deciding game, came down to a "one-pitch" format where the players got only one pitch to get to hit in a 30 minute game. The Untouchables showed why they are champions with a great game three effort winning 29-20. Denver Confer and Chad High led the way going 4-5 and 5-5respectively, while each hitting two home runs. Greg Watson (4-4, 2Hr's) and Bryan Farmer (3-4, 1HR) tried to keep "Fresno" in it but in the end the "Champs" lived up to their name.

Coed Softball All Tournament Team

Bird Dogs

Rachel "Warren" Gentry
Christy "Champ" Chadwick
Jill "Double L" Smothers
Bryan "40" Butler
Russell "Dawg" Gentry
Mark "Which One" Litchford
Randy "MBA" Howell

Untouchables

J.J. "Hit Dog" Dillingham
Denver "Big Guns" Confer
Chad "Hit Me Harder" High
Matt "The Hulk" Brewer
Laura "Karkau" Swang
Molly "Softball" Sprague

Wollybacks

John "G.T." Healey Jason "Mr. Chattanooga" Robertson Tamara Thomas Amelia Stark

MVP

Bird Dogs

The coed tournament was one game for all the marbles played between the "Bird Dogs" and the Untouchables. It was a great coed championship with the "Bird Dogs" winning 22-17. They were led by Randy Howell (3-5, 2HRs) and Russell Gentry (3-5, 1Hr). The "Bird Dog" women were led by Jill Smothers (3-4, 2RBIs), Rachel Gentry (2-4), Amy Jones (2-5) and Christy Chadwick(2-5). The "Bird Dog" women made all the difference in the game to give them their first championship.

This Week in Lipscomb Sports:

Baseball:

April 30 Lyon AR in Batesville, AR May 1 Lyon AR (2) in Batesville, AR Softball:

April 29 Athens State in Athens, AL